

# **CHORLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

### **LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 and THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**

NOTICE is given that from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 between 9.00am and 4.45pm Mondays to Fridays, any person interested may, on reasonable notice and subject to the limitations imposed by the current lockdown restrictions, inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially at the address below.

The Regulations, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, require the inspection period to commence no later than the first working day of September 2020. This requirement was not met, because of delays outside of the control of the Council in completing the valuations of the Council's asset portfolio.

NOTICE is given that from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

NOTICE is given that from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP 4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3EB to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed in writing.

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