

Richmondshire District Council

Audit of Accounts – Notice of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017 CH.25

Notice is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been published on the Council's website at www.richmondshire.gov.uk. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that from 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019 between 8.45am and 4.30pm Mondays to Fridays, any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2019 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. With effect from 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019 this right exists to journalists under the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017 Chapter 25. 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 to the Director – Resources (S151 Officer), Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House, Station Road, RICHMOND, North Yorkshire, DL10JX.

Notice is given that from the 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or any representative an opportunity to question the auditors about the accounts.

Notice is given that from 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019, 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 above address.

Notice is given that the auditor is Ernst & Young LLP, Citygate, St James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1JD

A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>