

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 PART 5 THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (CORONAVIRUS) AMENDMENTS REGULATIONS 2021

The period for the exercise of public rights under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 is normally required to include the first 10 working days of June; the production of the draft financial statements and the accounts were finalised on 31 May 2024 and signed off by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOTICE is given that for 30 working days between 01 June 2024 to 12 July 2024 (inclusive), excluding Saturdays and Sundays and Bank Holidays, any person interested may inspect and make copies of the accounting records of the North Devon Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating thereto. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection by appointment only at the offices at which they are normally kept; application should be made initially to the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive, Brynsworthy Environment Centre, Brynsworthy, Barnstaple, Devon. EX31 3NP (Telephone: 01271 388221).

The accounts will also be available at www.northdevon.gov.uk

NOTICE is also given that from 01 June 2024 to 12 July 2024, excluding Saturdays and Sundays and Bank Holidays, at the request of a Local Government Elector for any area to which the accounts relate, will give the Elector or his/her representative an opportunity to make written objections as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The written notice of objection must state the facts on which the Elector relies, the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Act.

The written notice of objection must be addressed to the Auditor, Charlie Martin, Bishop Fleming, 10 Temple Back, Bristol, BS1 6FL.

A copy of the notice of objection must also be sent to the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive at the Council at the shown address below.

A guide to your rights can be found at <u>Local authority accounts - a guide to your rights - Code</u> of <u>Audit Practice (nao.org.uk)</u>

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