

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31/03/20 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts of the Royal Borough of Greenwich will be published on the Council's website and available for public inspection commencing I September 2020 to 12 October 2020 between 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, all initial requests will be dealt with electronically. As government advice changes the situation will be reviewed and the Council will amend this process as necessary.

Any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect and request copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Royal Borough of Greenwich for the year ended 31st March 2020, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Please note that documents containing personal information or documents protected by commercial confidentiality under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 may not be available for inspection.

The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection on application to the Finance and Legal Services Directorate, 3rd Floor the Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, London SE18 6HQ. Alternatively, please email <u>Final-Accounts@royalgreenwich.gov.uk</u>. The accounts are also published on the Councils website at <u>www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk</u>.

From I September 2020 to 12 October 2020, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing with a copy sent to the Royal Borough of Greenwich. The objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and include particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; 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 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to Paul Dossett, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP at Grant Thornton UK LLP, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston, London NWI 2EP.

For more detailed guidance on electors' rights, copies of the publication 'Council Accounts - A Guide to Your Rights' are available from the National Audit Office website.