



Bromsgrove District Council
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2020
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017
The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) Amendments Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/404)

The period for the exercise of public rights commences would usually include the first 10 working days of June to coincide with the statutory deadline for completion of the accounts by 31st May. However due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the statutory deadline has been extended to 31st August 2020 resulting in a public inspection period commencing no later than 1st September 2020.

Unfortunately Bromsgrove District Council's statement of accounts has not been produced and made available for public inspection in line with this timescale due to the impact of Covid making the completion of the statements much more difficult than would usually be the case. The public inspection period has been extended to reflect this delay and the period for the exercise of public rights commences on the 18th September 2020 and will conclude at 4pm on the 29th October 2020.

The following documents will be made available:

- The Statement of Accounts
- The Annual Governance Statement
- The Narrative Report

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Jackson Murray of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Colmore Plaza, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6AT. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 18 September 2020 to 29 October 2020 inclusive between 9.00am and 4.00pm (Monday to Friday only) any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given **below**. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. From 9.00am on 18 September 2020 to 29 October 2020 a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given **above** to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From 9.00am on 18 September 2020 until the conclusion of the audit process a local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given **above** and copied to me at the address given **below**.

Dated: 18th September 2020

Jayne Pickering
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