

## **MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

Audit of Accounts year ended 31st March 2020

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Notice is given that the unaudited statement of accounts, including the narrative statement and annual governance statement (AGS), for the year ended 31 March 2020 has been published on the Council's website. The statement of accounts are subject to audit by the Auditor Ms Karen Murray at Mazars LLP, 1 St Peters Square, Manchester M2 3DE and may be subject to change.

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 10am on 30 July 2020 and will conclude at 4pm on 10 September 2020.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

(1) From Thursday 30 July 2020 to Thursday 10 September 2020 between 10am and 4pm, any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at Level 5, Town Hall Extension, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA, telephone 07956027724, 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. They may also make copies of the accounts, narrative statement, Annual Governance Statement and documents.

(2) From 10am on 30 July to 4pm on 10 September at the request of a local government elector the local auditor must give the elector or any representative of the elector an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council.

(3) From 10am on 30 July until 4pm on 10 September a local government elector for the area of the Council or his / her representative may object to the Council's accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- a) 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
- b) 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.

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