

# CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

## AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

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

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as amended by Regulation 2 (4) (b) of the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020 that from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Cumbria County Council, Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle CA6 4SJ by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01228 606060 to make an appointment. The accounts will also be available at:

[https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/Finance/finance/accounts\\_2019-20.asp](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/Finance/finance/accounts_2019-20.asp)

During this period, 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 to Paul Turney, Senior Manager – Accountancy, Cumbria County Council, Cumbria House, 117 Botchergate, Carlisle CA1 1RZ. Any objection must state 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 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to Gareth Kelly, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 110 Queen Street, Glasgow, G1 3BX.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>.

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