



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

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AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 and THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 has been published on the Council's website at www.darlington.gov.uk/your-council/council-information/financial-information/statement-of-accounts/. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given that from 1st August 2022 to 12th September 2022 between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2022 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, 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. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially at the address below.

Due to the restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic all requests received initially will be dealt with electronically. As government advice changes the situation will be reviewed and the Council will amend this process as necessary.

NOTICE is given that from 1st August 2022 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

NOTICE is given that from 1st August 2022, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- 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
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Ernst & Young LLP, City Gate, St James' Boulevard, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE1 4JD, direct dial 0191 269 4999, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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