

FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Inspection Notice - Statement of Accounts 2020/21

**Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 regulations 26, 27 and 28
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 regulations 14 and 15**

The period for the exercise of public rights commences on the 5th July 2021 and will conclude at 4pm on the 13th August 2021.

The following documents will be made available:

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

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by:

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Temple Quay,
Bristol,
BS2 0EL

1. From 9 am on 5th July 2021 to 4pm on 13th August 2021 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2021, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) by prior arrangement at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

Chief Finance Officer
Forest of Dean District Council
Council Offices
Coleford

2. A person is not entitled to inspect or copy any part of any record or document containing:

- Information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality
- Personal information

3. From 9 am on 5th July 2021 to 4pm on 13th August 2021 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. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

4. From 9 am on 5th July 2021 to 4pm on 13th August 2021 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 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 in note 1 above.

A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at:

<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-auditpractice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

Dated: 1st July 2021