

FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2016 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2016 that from 3rd July to 11th August 2017 between 9.30 and 17.00 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 31st March 2017, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the Forest of Dean Council Offices, High Street, Coleford by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01594 812541 to make an appointment. The accounts will also be available at www.fdean.gov.uk

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 the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Paul Jones, Forest of Dean District Council, High Street, Coleford, Glos, GL16 8HG. 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 the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP at Hartwell House, 55 – 61 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6FT.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/12/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

30th June 2017

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