

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018 PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD

The Draft Accounting Statement and Draft Annual Governance Statement have been published on the Council's website and is available at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/About-the-Council/Performance-spending/councilspending/financialdocuments>. The Accounting Statement is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, from Tuesday 29 May 2018 to Monday 9 July 2018 any person may inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts for the year ended 31 March 2018, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(10) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential or personal information.

The Draft Accounting Statement, other documents and the Draft Annual Governance Statement will be available for inspection between 9.00am and 4.30pm on weekdays at Corporate Accountancy, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB by prior arrangement. Please telephone 0121 704 6855 to make an appointment.

During the inspection period which commences on 29 May 2018 and concludes on 9 July 2018 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 section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Please note Section 27 requires that any objection, and the grounds on which it is being made, must be sent to the auditor in writing and copied to the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive at the address given above. 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 Colmore Plaza, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham B4 6AT.

A guide to your rights can be found at:

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

[signed by Paul Johnson on 25 May 2018]

P.Johnson CPFA
Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive
Date: 25 May 2018