

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**  
**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

Notice is given under the above regulations that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 will be published on this website. The period for the exercise of public rights under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is normally required to include the first 10 working days of June. However, because of the potential impact of the covid-19 virus on local authorities' ability to have prepared their draft statement of accounts by the end of May, the requirement has been suspended for 2020 and 2021.

This means that for Gloucestershire County Council the deadline to publish its unaudited accounts has now moved from 31 May 2021 to 31 July 2021, with the deadline for publishing audited statements being pushed back from 31 July 2021 to 30 September 2021. However, the Council have now prepared unaudited accounts which were signed by Executive Director of Corporate Resources Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 and presented to the council's external auditors Grant Thornton Ltd to commence the formal audit process.

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 between 9am to 4pm on weekdays any person may on reasonable notice, 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 2021, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection; application must be made initially via the following email address:-

[FinAccounting@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:FinAccounting@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

We will endeavour to supply all information electronically but please note that with social distancing requirements due to COVID-19 that there may be delays accessing physical copies of certain documents requested, such as original deeds or contracts.

The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG by prior arrangement. The draft unaudited accounts can be found at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.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 being sent to the Executive Director of Corporate Resources, Steve Mawson, at the address below. 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, 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol, BS2 0EL.

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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