

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - PUBLIC INSPECTION

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (CORONAVIRUS) AMENDMENTS REGULATIONS 2020

Notice is given that from 17 August 2020 to 28 September 2020 inclusive any person interested may, during normal office hours Monday to Friday, inspect and make copies of the accounts of East Devon District Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and other documents referred to in Section 26(1) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic the government has extended the timescales for the production and audit of accounts. This change anticipated the impact of staff absences, closed offices and all staff involved in production of the accounts working from home.

The publication date for audited accounts has moved from 31 July to 30 November 2020 for all local authority bodies.

To give local authorities more flexibility, the requirement for the public inspection period to include the first 10 days of June has been removed. Instead, local authorities must start the public inspection period on or before the first day of September 2020. This means that accounts that must be confirmed by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) must be published by 31 August 2020 at the latest.

The accounts and other documents would usually be available for inspection at the council's offices by prior arrangement. However, the ongoing impact of coronavirus may require alternative arrangements to be made. Please address any requests for access to the Council's unaudited accounts to:

Simon Davey (Strategic Lead for Finance) at the Council address shown below or email; finance@eastdevon.gov.uk or telephone 01395 517490. The unaudited accounts will be available on the council's website www.eastdevon.gov.uk from the 17 August 2020.

Any objections to the accounts must relate to the matter in respect of which the auditor could take action (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act) namely, an unlawful item of account, or failure to bring the amount into account) or make a report in the public interest (under Section 24 of, and Para 1 of Schedule to, the Audit and Accountability Act 2014).

No objection may be made by or on behalf of a local government elector unless the auditor has received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made. In addition an elector is required at the same time to send a copy of any notice of the objection to East Devon District Council.

The addresses of the auditor and the district council are:

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