

**STOCKPORT METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017
NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, Regulations 9 and 15
Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Sections 25, 26 and 27**

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts, including the narrative statement and annual governance statement (AGS), for the year ended 31 March 2017 has been published on the Council's website.

The statement of accounts are subject to audit by Auditor Ms Sarah Howard at Grant Thornton UK LLP, 4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3EB (telephone 0161 953 6900) and may be subject to change.

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 10am on Monday 5 June and will conclude at 4pm on Friday 14 July 2017.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

(1) From Monday 5 June 2017 to Friday 14 July 2017 between 10.00am. and 4.00 pm, any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2017 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) on request from Michael Cullen, Borough Treasurer, Corporate and Support Services Directorate, Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport SK1 3XE, telephone 0161 474 4631, except as provided for in Section 26 (4) to 26 (6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. They may also make copies of the accounts, narrative statement, AGS and documents.

(2) From 10am on Monday 5 June to 4pm on Friday 14 July 2017 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.

(3) From 10am on Monday 5 June to 4pm on Friday 14 July 2017 a local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 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 also given above. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- a) Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 namely to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law and/or

- b) 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.

31 May 2017

Michael Cullen
Borough Treasurer