

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL and NORFOLK PENSION FUND

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS for YEAR ENDED 31 March 2020 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (Sections 25-27) Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Regulations 9, 14, 15 and 21) Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

The Council's draft unaudited accounts (including those of Norfolk Pension Fund) for 2019-20 have been certified by the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services on 10 July 2020 as giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council at 31 March 2020.

The accounts are now subject to audit by the Council's external auditor, Mr Mark Hodgson of Ernst & Young LLP of One Cambridge Business Park, Cambridge, CB4 0WZ. This may result in changes to the accounts.

Any rights of objection, inspection and questioning of the local auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days commencing on the day following the signing of the draft unaudited accounts referred to above. For the 2019-20 accounts the inspection period must commence no later than 1 September 2020. The inspection period for Norfolk County Council's Statement of Accounts is 13 July 2020 to 21 August 2020.

During this period:

1. any interested person may, by prior application, inspect the Council's accounts (as specified above) for the year ended 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts bills, vouchers and receipts). They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. Applications may be made by phone, post or e-mail to the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services as shown below.
2. a local government elector for any area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

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10 July 2020