WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021
The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 5 September to 14 October 2022 between 9.00am and 4.45pm on weekdays any person may 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 March 2022, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Commercially confidential and personal information is exempt from inspection as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to. The accounts will be available for electronic inspection at:

http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20733/council policies and plans/389/statement of accounts. Other access requests, such as to view documents in person, will be subject to the latest Government social distancing policy and premises being open to the public. Please telephone 01926 456013 if you wish to discuss specific requirements.

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 to Andrew Rollins, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ. 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 The Colmore Building, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, West Midlands, B4 6AT.

A guide to your rights can be found at <u>Local authority accounts – a guide to your rights - National Audit Office (NAO) insight</u>

Please note that the public inspection period has been amended in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021. The deadline for local authorities must commence the period for the exercise of public rights – which normally must include the first 10 working days of June – has been extended and must commence on or before the first working day of August 2022. Regulation 2 Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 extend the final deadline for the Council to publish the complete, audited 2021/22 Statement of Accounts from 31 July 2022 to 30 November 2022.

Date: 2 September 2022.

Andrew Rollins S151 Officer and Head of Financial Services (Interim) Warwick District Council Riverside House Milverton Hill Royal Leamington Spa CV32 5HZ



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www.warwickdc.gov.uk

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The personal data that you provide will be used to enable us to contact yourself and respond to your Inspection Questions and the legal basis for this processing is under sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Failure to provide contact details means that the Council will not be able to respond to you.

Your personal data will be kept for 6 Financial Years plus the current one.

You have the right to access your personal data and to complain if you think your data is being used incorrectly. You may also have other rights, such as to have your data corrected or erased.

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