

PUBLIC RIGHTS STATEMENT UNDER REGULATION 15 (2) (B) OF THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

Notice of the public inspection rights in relation to the statement of accounts of Hambleton District Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

Rights to inspect the statement of accounts and accounting records:

Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ('The Act') provide any interested person with the right to inspect and make copies of the statement of accounts, accounting records and all documents relating to those records, for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

These rights may be exercised from Thursday 01 June 2023 until Friday 14 July 2023 inclusive, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9.30 am and 16.30 at the following site: Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Rotary Way, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2UU. Please inform North Yorkshire Council's Assistant Director for Strategic Resources, Karen Iveson of your intention to exercise your rights. Karen Iveson can be contacted by email on karen.iveson@northyorks.gov.uk or by telephone on 01757 705101. The unaudited Statement of Accounts, which include the Narrative Report and the Annual Governance Statement, will be available to view at www.northyorks.gov.uk by 01 June 2023.

Rights to question the auditor and to make objections at audit:

Under section 26 of the Act, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and, under section 27 of the Act, a local government elector may make an objection to the auditor which:

- Concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of the Act; or
- Concerns an item of accounting in respect of which the auditor could apply for a declaration that the item is unlawful under section 28 of the Act.

Any requests to question the auditor and any objections must be made in writing to the auditor to the following address:

Ernst & Young LLP, Citygate, St James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JD.

Objections must state:

- the facts on which the local government objector relies,
- the grounds on which the objection is being made,
- and, so far as is possible, details of any item which the objector believes is contrary to law or details of any matter that the objector believes are grounds for proposing that the auditor make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of schedule 7 to the Act.

A copy of any objection must also be sent to North Yorkshire Council at the address above.

A comprehensive 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>