

## **WIGAN COUNCIL**

### **Audit of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2016**

#### **Notice of Public Rights**

##### **The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 has been published on the Council's website.

The statement of accounts are subject to audit by by Mike Thomas, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 4 Hardman Square, Spinningfields, Manchester, M3 3EB (Telephone 0161 953 6900) unaudited and may be subject to change.

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 10am on the 15 June 2016 and will conclude at 4pm on the 26 July 2016.

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

(1) From 10am on 15 June 2016 to 4pm on 26 July 2016 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2016, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below, 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 and documents. Please telephone 01942 827321 to make an appointment.

(2) From 10am on 15 June 2016 to 4pm on 26 July 2016 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 15 June 2016 until the conclusion of the audit process 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 given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

i) 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

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.

Donna Hall  
Chief Executive  
Wigan Town Hall, Library Street  
Wigan, WN1 1YN