REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC INSPECTION AND AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

Audit of Accounts year ended 31st March 2021

LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015(Revised)

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus)(Amendment)2021

Notice Published 8th March 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 has been published on the Council's website at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk The draft statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The Council has been unable to publish the accounts within the extended timeframe detailed in the amended Accounts and Audit regulations for 2021, as a result of the extensive work required to implement the recommendations identified during the audit of the Council's accounts for 2019/20.

The Council's accounts are now subject to audit by Mo Ramzan, Director, Audit & Assurance, Deloitte LLP, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HZ.

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

- (1) The opportunity for public inspection of accounts for the year 31 March 2023 which ran from Monday 13th March 2023 to Friday 28th April 2023 inclusive, has now ended.
- (2) From 10am on Monday 13th March 2023 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or their 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) From 10am on Monday 13th March 2023 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or their representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 24 and Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). 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 the Chief Finance Officer at the address below.

A guide to inspection rights can be found at https://www.nao.org.uk/insights/local-authority-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights

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