



AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH **2020**

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit. This audit is being carried out by Lisa Clampin, Partner, BDO LLP, 16 The Havens, Ransomes Europark, Ipswich IP3 9SJ, Lisa.Clampin@bdo.co.uk and will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Sections 26 and 27 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, SI No. 234 as amended by the 2020 Coronavirus Amendment SI No 404. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process.

For the year ending 31st March 2020, any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. These documents will be available on application to the Director of Financial Services, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1JE or by making a request using the following link <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/your-council/contacting-us/contact-financial-services/> between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm commencing Wednesday 22 July, 2020 and ending on Wednesday 2 September, 2020. We will endeavour to supply all information electronically. To comply with the social distancing requirements due to COVID-19 there may be some delays in accessing physical copies of supporting documents.

During this period, local government electors for the area of the Council or their representatives may:

- a) ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make any arrangements to ask any questions.
- b) object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law. 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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17 July 2020