

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 [SI 2015/234]
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 [s25, s26 and s27]
The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/404)**

1. Date of Announcement – **15 June 2020**
2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to any changes arising from that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Peter Bateson, CEO, 47 Norfolk Street, Boston, PE21 6PP, Tel: 01205 310088.

commencing on **Monday 15 June 2020**

and ending on **Friday 24 July 2020**

3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:
 - The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and
 - The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the above smaller authority.

The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.

4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:

**PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)
1 Westferry Circus
Canary Wharf
London E14 4HD
(sba@pkf-littlejohn.com)**

5. This announcement is made by **Peter Bateson, Chief Executive and Finance Manager.**

*For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication **Council Accounts – A guide to Your Rights** are available from the National Audit Office website.*