

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 2021

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 [SI 2015/234]
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 [s25, s26 and s27]**

1. Date of Announcement – 14 June 2021

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 2021, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Peter Salomon, CEO, 47 Norfolk Street, Boston, PE21 6PP, Tel: 01208 218888.

commencing on **Tuesday 15 June 2021**

and ending on **Monday 26 July 2021**

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 be in the 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:

**PMF Litigation LLP (Ref: ISA Team)
51 Westferry Circus
Canary Wharf
London E16 4ED
audit@pmf.co.uk**

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

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