

North East Combined Authority

Audit of Accounts – Notice of Public Rights

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

Notice is given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts, Narrative Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2021 will be available on the Authority's website for inspection as determined below. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that from Thursday 1 July to Wednesday 11 August 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, any local government elector, journalist or citizen journalist interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the North East Combined Authority for the year ended 31 March 2021 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, 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. The unaudited accounts will be available for inspection on the NECA website at www.northeastca.gov.uk and all other documents will be made available upon request to the email address elleanor.goodman@northeastca.gov.uk.

Notice is given that from 1 July to 11 August 2021 any such local elector of North East Combined Authority or his representative may under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 question the auditor about the financial records for the year ended 31 March 2021. However, only a local elector registered on the electoral register may, under Section 27 of the Act, make an objection to the auditor relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- 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
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection at the address below, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the North East Combined Authority at the address below.

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