

NOTICE OF DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 234)
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

NOTICE

1. **Date of announcement** July 2nd 2017.
2. **Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:**
 - **Inspection:** Any persons interested may inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2017 these documents will be available during period specified in paragraph 4 on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 below.
 - **Questions and objections** to the external auditor: Local Government **electors** and their representatives have rights to:
 - question the auditor about the accounting records: and
 - object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must be given to the external auditor and a copy to the Authority. Objections must concern a matter of which the external auditor could make a public interest report or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful.

The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 5 below for this purpose.

3. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts:

Mrs. Marilyn Weeks
Hillside, Honeychurch, North Tawton, Devon. EX20 2AE
Tel No. (01837) 851269
Email: rmweeks@homecall.co.uk

4. **Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days: (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulation 15(1))**

**Commencing on July 3rd 2017
and ending on August 11th 2017**

5. **Your appointed auditor is:**
Grant Thornton UK LLP (for the attention of Barrie Morris)
Hartwell House, 55 – 61 Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6FT
Tel: 0117 305 7600

*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**.*