

STOKE-ON-TRENT AND STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 5 June to 14 July between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority for the year ended 31st March 2017, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection by prior arrangement by contacting David Greensmith, Director of Finance Assets and Resources, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters Pirehill, Stone ST15 0BS. Please telephone 01785 898690 to make an appointment. The accounts will also be available on the website at www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk , under "Our Finances".

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to the David Greensmith, Director of Finance Assets and Resources, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters Pirehill, Stone ST15. 0BS. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Mark Stocks, External Audit Engagement Lead for Grant Thornton UK LLP, Colmore Plaza, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, West Midlands B4 6AT.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/12/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Date: 22 May 2017

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