



**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015
The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Kevin Suter, Associate Partner, Assurance - Government & Public Sector, Ernst & Young LLP, Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton, SO14 3QB, United Kingdom. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process, which may be exercised in the period 1 September to 12 October 2020. These rights are as follows:

1. On weekdays (9.00am to 4.45pm Fridays) any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. A local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. A local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

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21 August 2020