

**SOUTHWARK COUNCIL
AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS 2020-21**

**NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD
FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of Southwark council, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2021, are available for public inspection as set out below:

1. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:

Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2021, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in section 2 below.

Local Government electors and their representatives have rights to:

- question the auditor about the accounts; and
- object to the accounts for any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Authority. The Auditor can be contacted in section 4 below.

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

**Duncan Whitfield CPFA OBE
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance**

Address for correspondence: Southwark council, Finance and Governance, 2nd Floor, PO Box 64529
London SE1P 5LX

Address for visitors: Southwark council, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

The unaudited 2020-21 Statement of Accounts and draft Annual Governance Statement will be available on the council's website <http://www.southwark.gov.uk> on **Thursday 08 July 2021**.

For any immediate enquiries please contact Jade Cheung in Corporate Finance, email: jade.cheung@southwark.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7525 3809 or 07592 115556.

3. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days:

Commencing on: **Friday 9 July 2021**
and ending on: **Friday 20 August 2021**

4. Your appointed Auditor is:

Ciaran T McLaughlin
Key Audit Partner
Grant Thornton UK LLP
30 Finsbury Square
London EC2A 1AG Telephone: 020 7728 2936 Email: Ciaran.T.McLaughlin@uk.gt.com

Further guidance for electors has been published by the National Audit Office and can be found here:

www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights