

**Bedford Borough Council**  
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**  
**LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 & THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**  
**REGULATIONS 2015**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN that:**

The unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 will be published on the Council's website before Monday 3 July 2017 at:

[http://www.bedford.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/council\\_budgets\\_and\\_spending/statement\\_of\\_accounts.aspx](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_budgets_and_spending/statement_of_accounts.aspx).

The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

From Monday 3 July 2017 to Friday 11 August 2017 inclusive between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, any person interested, may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2017 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 accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP.

From Monday 3 July 2017 to Friday 11 August 2017 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts.

From Monday 3 July 2017 to Friday 11 August 2017, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, 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, 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 Council at the address below.

The auditor is Ernst & Young LLP, 400 Capability Green, Luton, LU1 3LU, United Kingdom, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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