

Broads Authority
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Broads Authority's draft accounts for 2021/22 are certified by the Authority's Director of Finance by 15 July 2022 as giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority at 31 March 2022 as required by The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Director of Finance confirms that the narrative statement contained within the accounts has been prepared in accordance with regulation 8 of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and a draft Annual Governance Statement has been prepared for consideration by committee on 26 July 2022.

The accounts are then subject to audit by the Authority's external auditor, Mark Hodgson of Ernst & Young LLP of One Cambridge Business Park, Cambridge, CB4 0WZ. This may result in changes to the accounts.

Any rights of objection, inspection and questioning of the local auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days following the signing of the draft unaudited accounts referred to above, as required by section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The Accounts and Audit (Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/263) has removed the usual stipulation that it must include the first 10 working days in June. This means that local authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of August 2022.

During this period:

1. any interested person may, by prior application, inspect the Authority's accounts (as specified above) for the year ended 31 March 2022 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. Applications may be made to Emma Krelle, Director of Finance, Broads Authority, Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY (telephone (01603) 756060 or email emma.krelle@broads-authority.gov.uk) between 9.30am and 4.30pm on Mondays to Fridays during the period Monday 18 July to Friday 26 August inclusive.
2. a local government elector for any area of the Authority, 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 Authority, or his/her representative, may object to the Authority's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 24, schedule 7, paragraph 1 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 (under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). 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.

15 July 2022

Dr J Packman, Chief Executive

Broads Authority, Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY.