

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Accounts and Audit Regulations (Amendment) 2021

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2) (b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) that from 15th July 2022 – 25th August 2022 between 9.30am – 4.00pm 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 Fire Authority for the year ended 31st March 2021, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Fire Service HQ, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4YD by prior arrangement. Please telephone 0151 296 4000 to make an appointment. The accounts are available to inspect on this website ([Link to Accounts on website](#))

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 Authority Treasurer at address given above. 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 Georgia Jones, Grant Thornton UK LLP at Royal Liver Building, Liverpool L3 1PS.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>.

Date: 15th July 2022
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