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Notice of Appointment of the Date for the Exercise of Public Rights in Relation to the Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31st March 2020

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

- 1. Date of Announcement: 26th June 2020
- 2. Each year Great Aycliffe Town Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return is audited by an auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them.

For the year ended 31st March 2020, the accounts and supporting documents will be available during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe (subject to COVID-19 social distancing measures).

The inspection period will commence on Monday 29th June 2020 and end on Friday 7th August 2020.

Appointments to view the accounts should be made with the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mr Dan Austin, who can be contacted by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at <u>Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk</u>.

- 3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have the following rights:-
 - The opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and
 - The right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them.

Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Town Council. The auditor can be contacted at the address provided in paragraph 4 below for this purpose, during the inspection period referred to a paragraph 2 above.

4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Audit Office' Code of Audit Practice.

Great Aycliffe Town Council's audit is being carried out by:

Mazars LLP, Salvus House, Aykley Heads, Durham, DH1 5TS

5. This announcement is made by Mr Dan Austin C.P.F.A., who is the Finance Manager at Great Aycliffe Town Council.