

**SOUTHWARK COUNCIL  
AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS 2019-20**

**NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD  
FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS  
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

**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 2020, 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 2020, 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  
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance**

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

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

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

The unaudited 2019-20 Statement of Accounts and draft Annual Governance Statement will be available on the council's website <http://www.southwark.gov.uk> on Sunday 31 May 2020.

**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: Monday **1 June 2020**  
and ending on: Friday **10 July 2020**

**4. Your appointed Auditor is:**

**Ciaran T McLaughlin**

**Key Audit Partner**

Grant Thornton UK LLP

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London EC2N 4AY

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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](http://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights)