

# **Notice of Inspection Period 2023-24**

## **Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Pension Fund**

### **Audit of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (Sections 25-27) Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Regulations 9, 14, 15 and 21) Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

The Council's draft unaudited accounts (including those of Norfolk Pension Fund) for 2023-24 have been certified by the Director of Strategic Finance on 31 May 2024 as giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council at 31 March 2024.

The accounts are now subject to audit by the Council's external auditor, Debbie Hanson 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 commencing on the day following the signing of the draft unaudited accounts referred to above. The inspection period for Norfolk County Council's Statement of Accounts is from 3 June to 12 July 2024, both dates inclusive.

During this period:

1. any interested person may, by prior application, inspect the Council's accounts (as specified above) for the year ended 31 March 2024 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts bills, vouchers and receipts). They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. Applications may be made by phone, post or email to the Executive Director of Finance and Commercial Services as shown below.
2. a local government elector for any area of the Council, 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 Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). 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.

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