

Notice of rights of inspection in relation to the statement of accounts of South Tees Development Corporation for the financial year ended 31 March 2021

Rights to inspect the statement of accounts and accounting records

Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide local government electors with the right to inspect and make copies of the statement of accounts, accounting records and all documents relating to those records, for the financial year ended 31 March 2021. The Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017 extends those rights to include journalists and citizen journalists.

These rights may be exercised from 2 August 2021 to 2 September 2021 between the hours of 10am and 4pm at Cavendish House, Prince's Wharf, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 16QY, by informing Neil Cuthbertson of your intention to exercise your rights. Neil Cuthbertson can be contacted by email at neil.cuthbertson@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

Due to the restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic all requests received initially will be dealt with electronically. As government advice changes the situation will be reviewed and the Council will amend this process as necessary.

Rights to question the auditor and to make objections at audit

Under section 26 of the Act, a local government elector may question the auditor about the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2021 and, under section 27 of the Act, a local government elector may make an objection to the auditor which:

- concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of the Act; or
- concerns an item of account in respect of which the auditor could apply for a declaration that the item is unlawful under section 28 of the Act.

These rights may be exercised from 2 August 2021 to 2 September 2021. Any requests to question the auditor and any objections must be made in writing to the auditor to the following address:

Mazars LLP
Salvus House
Aykley Heads
Durham
DH1 5TS

A copy of any objection must also be sent to the Council at the address set out above.