

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020 – DELAY IN THE PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD**

The Council's statement of accounts are required by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 to be available for Public Inspection for a period of 30 days, including the first 10 working days in June.

However, due to the impact of COVID-19, the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has extended this deadline for 2019/20. Local authorities are now required to commence the Public Inspection Period before or on **the first working day of September**.

Additionally, the following statutory deadlines have also been extended:

- Draft Accounts to be approved by **31 August 2020** (to meet the new deadline for the Public Inspection Period)
- Final Audited Accounts to be published by **30 November 2020**.

Differing to previous years, the draft accounts may be published earlier than the deadline and there is no requirement to wait for a common inspection period.

For the 2019/20 Public Inspection Period dates, please visit the Hertfordshire County Council website for more information.

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