

**STOCKPORT METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021  
AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has put in place revised regulations that come into force on 31 March 2021. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 extend the statutory audit deadlines for 2020/21 for all local authorities.

The publication for audited accounts has moved from 31 July 2021 to 30 September 2021 for all local authorities. To give local authorities more flexibility the requirement for the public inspection period to include the first ten working days of June has been removed. Instead, local authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of August 2021, which means that the 2020/21 Annual Statement of Accounts must be published by 31 July 2021 at the latest.

Stockport Council's public inspection period would usually commence on 1 June but will not this year due to the ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Instead the public inspection period is set to commence on 14 June 2021. As required by the amended Regulations the public inspection period will last for a period of 30 working days from the commencement date, i.e. up to and including 23 July 2021.

Notice of the Council's 2020/21 Annual Statement of Accounts public inspection period will be made on the Council's website on completion of the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts (subject to audit).