

## Transport for Greater Manchester

### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

#### **The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 3 June 2020 to 15 July 2020 any person may request to inspect, and have copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of Transport for Greater Manchester for the year ended 31 March 2020, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. A copy of the accounts and other documents will be available on TfGM's website at <https://tfgm.com/corporate/statement-of-accounts>.

The Secretary of State's announced on the 16 March of his intentions to extend the statutory audit deadlines for 2019/20 financial statements to take account of the increasing impacts of COVID-19. This has meant the publication date for final audited accounts will move from 31 July to 30 September 2020. To provide local authorities with greater flexibility, the requirement to publish the accounts on the first 10 working days of June has been removed for 2019/20 financial year.

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services at 2 Piccadilly Place, Manchester, M1 3BG. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Mark Dalton, Mazars LLP, 3 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/12/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Date: 2nd June 2020

Steve Warrener, Director of Finance and Corporate Services at 2 Piccadilly Place, Manchester, M1 3BG.

