

# WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## NOTICE OF DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 234)

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

1. Date of Announcement – **8 June 2017**
2. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:
  - a. **Inspection:** Any person interested, may inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2017 these documents will be available during the period specified in paragraph 3 below.
  - b. **Questions and objections** to the external auditor: Local Government electors and their representatives have rights to:
    - I. question the auditor about the accounting records and,
    - II. object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must be given to the external auditor and a copy sent to the Smaller Authority. Objections must concern a matter of which the external auditor could make a public interest report or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful.
3. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts

**P J Bateson**  
**Chief Executive and Finance Officer**  
**Witham Fourth District Internal Drainage Board**  
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**Boston**  
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4. Any rights of inspection, objection and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days: (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulation 15(1))

**Commencing on 9 June 2017**

**and Ending on 20 July 2017.**

5. The appointed auditor is:

**Grant Thornton UK LLP (for the attention of Mark Heap)**  
**Royal Liver Building**  
**Liverpool**  
**L3 1PS**  
**Tel: 0151 224 7200**

For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication **Council Accounts – A guide to Your Rights** are available from the National Audit Office website.