

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS



ARCHWILIAD O GYFRIFON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 that:

- (1) From 6 June to 1 July 2016 inclusive, between the hours of 10.30am and 3.30pm, on Monday to Friday any person interested may, on application to and by prior arrangement with the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council, at Brynderwen, Coronation Road, Brynaman, Ammanford, Carmarthenshire. SA18 1BB inspect and make copies of the Annual Return of the above named Council and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto for the financial year ended **31st March 2016**.
- (2) On or after 4 July 2016, the Auditor, BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton SO14 3TL. (Email: welshcouncilaudits@bdo.co.uk (☎ 023 8088 1911 / 029 20342777) at the request of any Local Government Elector for the area to which the accounts relate, will give the Elector or his representative an opportunity to question the Auditor about the accounts.
- (3) Local Government Electors for any area to which these accounts relate or their representatives may question the Auditor about the accounts and make objections to the accounts or any item in them.
- (4) No objection may be made under (3) above by or on behalf of a Local Government Elector unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, and of the grounds on which it is to be made.
- (5) Where an Elector sends a notice to the Auditor for the purposes of (4) above, he/she shall at the same time send a copy of the notice to the Council.

HYSBYSIR TRWY HYN yn unol â Ddeddf Archwilio (Cymru) 2004 a Rheoliadau Cyfrifon ac Archwilio (Cymru) 2014 :

- (1) O 6 Mehefin i 1 Gorffennaf 2016 yn gynhwysol, rhwng 10.30yb a 3.30yh, ar Ddydd Llun i Ddydd Gwener, gall unrhyw berson sydd â diddordeb, ar ymgais i a thrwy drefni ymlaen llaw gyda Clerc a Swyddog Cyfrifol y Cyllid i'r Cyngor, yn Brynderwen, Heol y Conoriad, Brynaman, Rhydaman, SA18 1BB archwilio a gwneud copiau o'r Cofnod Blynnyddol y Cyngor a enwyd uchod a'r llyfrau, y gweithredoedd, y contractiau, y biliau, y tocynnau a'r derbynebaw sy'n berthnasol iddynt am y flwyddyn ariannol a orffennwyd ar **31ain o Fawrth 2016**.
- (2) Ar, neu ar ôl 4 Gorffennaf 2016, bydd yr Archwilydd, BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton SO14 3TL (Email: welshcouncilaudits@bdo.co.uk (☎ 029 20342777 / 023 8088 1911) ar gais unrhyw etholwr llywodraeth leol i'r ardal y mae'r cyfrifon yn ymwneud â hi, yn rhoi cyfle i'r etholwr neu'i gynrychiolydd i holi yr Archwilydd â'r cyfrifon.
- (3) Gall Etholwyr Llywodraeth Leol ar gyfer unrhyw ardal y mae'r cyfrifon yn ymwneud â hi, neu eu gynrychiolyddion gwestiynu yr Archwilydd a gwrthwynebu y cyfrifon neu unrhyw fater ynddynt.
- (4) Ni all Etholwr Llywodraeth Leol wrthwynebu o dan (3) uchod ac ni ellir gwrthwynebu ar ei ran oni bai fod yr Archwilydd wedi derbyn rhybudd ysgrifenedig am y gwrthwynebiad arfaethedig, ac ar ba sail a'i gwneir.
- (5) Pan fo Etholwr yn anfon rhybudd at yr Archwilydd at ddibenion (4) uchod, bydd ar yr un pryd yn anfon copi o'r rhybudd i'r Cyngor.

Dated: 23 May 2016

Dyddiadedig: 23 Mai 2016

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Councils' Accounts: A Summary of Your Rights

The basic position

By law any person interested has the right to inspect the body's accounts. If you are entitled and registered to vote in local council elections then you (or your representative) also have the right to ask the Auditor General questions about the body's accounts or challenge an item of account contained within them.

The right to inspect the accounts

When your body has finalised its accounts for the previous financial year it must advertise that they are available for people to look at. Having given reasonable notice of your intentions, you then have 20 working days to look through the accounts and supporting documents. You will be able to make copies of the accounts and the relevant documents although you may have to pay a copying charge.

The right to ask the auditor questions about the accounts

You can only ask the Auditor General questions about the accounts. The Auditor General does not have to answer questions about the body's policies, finances, procedures or anything else not related to the accounts. Your question must be about the accounts that they are auditing. The Auditor General does not have to say whether he thinks something the body has done, or an item in its accounts, is lawful or reasonable.

The right to object to the accounts

If you think that the body has spent money that they shouldn't have done, or that someone has caused a loss to the body deliberately or by behaving irresponsibly, you can object to the Auditor General by sending a formal 'notice of objection', which must be in writing to the address below. You must tell the Auditor General why you are objecting. The Auditor General must reach a decision on your objection. If you are not happy with that decision, you can appeal to the courts.

You may also object if you think that there is something in the accounts that the Auditor General should discuss with the body or tell the public about in a 'public interest report'. Again, you must give your reasons in writing to the Auditor General at the address below and send a copy to the body. In this case, the Auditor General must decide whether to take any action. The Auditor General will normally, but does not have to give reasons for his decision and you cannot appeal to the courts. More information is available from the Wales Audit Office's website.

You may not use your 'right to object' to make a personal complaint or claim against your body. You should take these complaints to your local Citizens' Advice Bureau, local Law Centre or your solicitor. You may also be able to complain to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales if you believe that a Member of the body has broken the Code of Conduct for Members. The Ombudsman can be contacted at: 1 Old Field Rd, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5LJ, (1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae, Pencoed, CF35 5LJ) tel: 01656 641150.

What else you can do

Instead of objecting, you can give the Auditor General information that is relevant to his responsibilities. For example, you can simply tell the Auditor General if you think that something is wrong with the accounts or you identify waste and inefficiency in the way the body runs its services. You do not have to follow any set time limits or procedures. The Auditor General does not have to give you a detailed report of his investigation into the issues you have raised, but he will usually tell you the general outcome.

A final word

Local Government Bodies, and so local taxpayers, must meet the costs of dealing with questions and objections. When the Auditor General decides whether to take your objection further, one of a series of factors he must take into account includes the costs that will be involved. He will only continue with the objection if it is in the public interest to do so. If you appeal to the courts, you might have to pay for the action yourself.

More detailed information on your rights is contained in the **FREE** Wales Audit Office publication ***Councils' Accounts – Your rights***. You will find it on the Wales Audit Office website at https://www.audit.wales/sites/default/files/download_documents/council_accounts_your_rights_english.pdf It is available in English and Welsh language versions.

If you wish to contact your body's appointed external auditor on behalf of the Auditor General please write to: EDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton, Hampshire S014 3TL.