

Portsmouth City Council**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2013****Audit Commission Act 1998, sections 15 - 16****Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 Regulations 9, 10, 21, 22 and 23**

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by the Ernst & Young LLP of Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton, SO14 3QB. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 23 July 2013 to 19 August 2013 between 8:30am and 4:30pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2013 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. From 10:00am on 20 August 2013 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From 10:00am on 20 August 2013 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated 1 June 2013

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