

Essex County Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2009

Audit Commission Act 1998, sections 15 - 16

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 Regulations 13, 14 & 16

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by The Audit Commission of Lyttleton House, Atlantic Business Centre, 64 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1SW. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 6 July 2009 to 31 July 2009 between 9 am and 5 pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2009 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 9am on 3 August 2009 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 9am on 3 August 2009 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

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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.

29 June 2009

Margaret Lee, Chief Financial Officer

Essex County Council

County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford CM1 1QH