

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST 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 Deloitte LLP of Gainsborough House, 34-40 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 6AE. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 6th July 2009 to 31st July 2009 between 9.00am and 4.00pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st 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 10.00am on 3rd 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 10.00am on 3rd 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 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 18th June 2009

Ian Parker, Chief Executive, Middlesbrough Council, Civic Centre, Middlesbrough, TS1 2QQ.