**Sefton Metropolitan Council**

**Statement of Accounts 2017/18 - Public Inspection Notice**

**Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights**
**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 /** **Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

The following unaudited documents will be made available during normal office hours:

* The Statement of Accounts
* The Annual Governance Statement
* The Narrative Report

They are also published on the Council’s website ([www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk) under “Residents / Your Council / Council Budget and Spending”).

**The published Statement of Accounts (including the Annual Governance Statement and the Narrative Report) are unaudited and may be subject to change.**

(1) From 1 June 2018 until 12 July 2018 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2018, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) by application to Head of Corporate Resources, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

(2) The Council’s accounts are subject to external audit by Hassan Rohimun, Ernst Young LLP, 100 Barbiolli Square, Manchester M2 3EY. From 1 June 2018 until 12 July 2018 at the request of a local government elector, the auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to ask questions about the accounting records of the Council.

(3) From 1 June 2018 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 or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given below.

**M. Carney,**

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