

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
ESSEX COUNTY PENSION FUND

Audit of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2011

Public Inspection of Accounts and Right of Challenge

(Audit Commission Act 1998: Sections 15 and 16
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011: Regulations 9, 10, 21, 22 and 23)

The Council's and the Pension Fund's accounts are subject to external audit by the Audit Commission. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process.

Notice is given that:

1. On 18 – 22 and 25 – 29 July and 1 – 5 and 8 – 12 August inclusive between 9 am and 5 pm any person may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the County Council and the Essex County Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2011 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. This does not entitle inspection of the accounts or other documents containing personal information about a member of staff of the County Council, nor does it require any such information to be disclosed in answer to a question. The accounts and other documents will be made available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept or otherwise by arrangement. Application should be made to the Executive Director for Finance, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH Tel: Chelmsford (01245) 431010.
2. From 2 pm on Monday, 15 August 2011 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or his / her



representative, may ask the auditor questions about the Council's or Pension Fund's accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given below to make arrangements to ask any questions.

3. From 2 pm on 15 August 2011 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for any area to which the Council's or Pension Fund's accounts relate, or his / her representative, may object to the 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 1998 Act). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given below and copied to the Executive Director for Finance at the above address.

4. The auditor for Essex County Council is:

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Dated: 17 June 2011

Joanna Killian
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