EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL and MUGDOCK COUNTRY PARK JOINT COMMITTEE

Accounts for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 9 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 modified under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 that:

- Copies of the unaudited accounts of East Dunbartonshire Council and Mugdock Country Park Joint Committee, for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 will be available for public inspection at the <u>East Dunbartonshire Council Annual Accounts webpage</u> Wednesday 1 July 2020. Once the coronavirus is no longer a risk, The Council will take steps to comply with the usual arrangements for public inspection or publish a statement setting out the reasons for non-compliance.
- Under the 2014 Regulations, any person interested may inspect a copy of the abstract(s) of the accounts to be audited, all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related thereto. However, under Paragraph 9(1)(b)(iv) of Schdule 6 of the 2020 Act, the Council is declaring that this is no longer possible given the varied nature and volume of the above documents;
- Any person interested may object to the accounts or to any part of those accounts, no later than 21 July 2020, by:
 - o sending their objection by email, together with a statement of the grounds thereof, to the auditor, Audit Scotland, for the attention of Fiona Mitchell-Knight FCA (Audit Director) at FMitchell-Knight@audit-scotland.gov.uk and objections in relation to the accounts of Mugdock Country Park should be marked for the attention of Peter Lindsay CPFA (Senior Audit Manager) at PLindsay@audit-scotland.gov.uk, and;
- o sending a copy of that objection and statement to East Dunbartonshire Council, for the attention of Jamie Robertson, Chief Finance Officer, by email to customerservices@eastdunbarton.gov.uk.
 - The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority, or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, as the case may be, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.
 - Provision is also made in the 2020 Act (Schedule 6 paragraph 8(2)) for the Council to postpone the publication of its audited accounts. The Council is therefore making use of this provisions and giving notice of the delay. The audited accounts will be published as soon as reasonably practicable and no later than 30 November 2020

Those who wish to view the Annual Accounts should make their request by telephone on 0300 123 4510, or by email to customerservices@eastdunbarton.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can view the Accounts of East Dunbartonshire Council and Mugdock Country Park Joint Committee on the Council's East Dunbartonshire Council Annual Accounts webpage, from Wednesday 1 July 2020.