

**GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AUDIT COMMISSION ACT 1998  
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2011  
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2010 - 2011  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulations 9, 10, 21, 22 and 23 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 **from 11 July 2011 to 5 August 2011, between 10.00am and 4.00pm**, any person interested may inspect and make copies of the accounts and related documentation of the above named body for the year ended 31 March 2011. Under the regulations, the accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise, by arrangement. Application should be made initially to the Strategic Director of Finance and ICT, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead NE8 1HH Tel: (0191) 433 3000.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that the auditor has appointed **8 August 2011 at 9am** as the date on or after which local government electors for the area to which the accounts relate may exercise their rights under sections 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998, to question the auditor about the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 or make objections thereon to the Auditor as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under section 17 or 18 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 (namely an unlawful item of account, failure to bring a sum into account, or a loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct) or could make a report in the public interest under Section 8 of the Act for the year ended 31 March 2011.

Questions may be received at Finance and ICT, Civic Centre, Gateshead by arrangement with the Auditor, Mr Steve Nicklin, Audit Commission, Second Floor, Suites B & C, Nickalls House, Metro Centre, Gateshead NE11 9NH, to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of this notice must be sent to the Council at the address below

**R M Kelly,**  
**Chief Executive**  
**(the Proper Officer for this purpose)**  
**Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead**  
**NE8 1HH**