

Kirklees Council

Statement of Accounts 2023/24 – Public Inspection Notice

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The period for the exercise of public rights commences on 28 June 2024 and will conclude at 4pm on 09 August 2024.

The Statement of Accounts (including the Narrative Report) will be made available.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Gareth Mills, for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, No 1 Whitehall Riverside, Leeds, LS1 4BN.

(1) From 28 June 2024 to 4pm on 09 August 2024 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2024, and certain related documents. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. These rights are restricted, to prevent access to documents containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or containing personal information, under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

(2) From 28 June 2024 to 4pm on 09 August 2024 at the request of a local government elector, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council.

(3) From 28 June 2024 to 4pm on 09 August 2024 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. These rights are restricted, to prevent access to documents containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or containing personal information, under Section 26 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 or by emailing gareth.mills@uk.gt.com and also copied to the Council at the address given below. The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and the Statement as published may be subject to change.

The Statement of Accounts is available on the Council's website at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/accounts. Local electors can request to have a copy of the draft accounts sent to them either by emailing CentralFinance@kirklees.gov.uk or by contacting the address below.

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A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>