

# FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

### **Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/2/pdfs/ukpga\\_20140002\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/2/pdfs/ukpga_20140002_en.pdf)

### **The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/pdfs/uksi\\_20150234\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/pdfs/uksi_20150234_en.pdf)

### **Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017**

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/25/pdfs/ukpga\\_20170025\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/25/pdfs/ukpga_20170025_en.pdf)

### **The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

[https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/263/pdfs/uksi\\_20210263\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/263/pdfs/uksi_20210263_en.pdf)

### **The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

[https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/263/pdfs/uksi\\_20220263\\_en.pdf](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/263/pdfs/uksi_20220263_en.pdf)

### **The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/907>

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 any persons interested or any journalist may, on request, inspect the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records and make copies of all or any part of those records or documents, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The unaudited statement of accounts for 2023/24 and draft Annual Governance Statement are available to view at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/your-council/finances-and-audit/statement-of-accounts>. The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.

During the above period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to Lydia Morrison, Interim Director, Finance and Governance, at the address below. The objection must state the grounds on which it is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Sophia Brown, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 30 Finsbury Sq., London EC2A 1AG.

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Date: 18/12/2024