

## Notice

**Regulation 16(1) of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the Council to publish (which must include publication on its website) a statement:**

- **that the audit has been concluded**
- **that the statement of accounts has been published**
- **of the rights of inspection conferred in local government electors by section 25 of the Act and the address at which, and the hours during which, those rights may be exercised.**

This notice is in relation to the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts and advises that the audit of the Council's 2020/21 Statement of Accounts has ended and the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton has issued their Audit Opinion on the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the 'Act'), the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice and supporting guidance. The 2020/21 Statement of Accounts were approved by the Council's Chief Financial Officer and the Audit and Governance Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The external auditor's 2020/21 Audit Opinion, which was issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, is that the Council's 2020/21 Statement of Accounts show a true and fair view and is an unqualified opinion, the highest level of assurance. The audit certificate was issued on 17 February 2025 and is published alongside this notice.

The audited 2020/21 Statement of Accounts have therefore been published and are available for inspection on the Council's website by clicking on the link:

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/finances-audit/statement-accounts>

In accordance with Section 25 of the Act, any local government elector for the Folkestone & Hythe area is entitled to inspect and make copies of the Statement of Accounts or have copies sent to them and is entitled to inspect and make copies of the Grant Thornton report to Folkestone & Hythe District Council.

The Statement of Accounts is available for inspection at the Civic Centre, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY between 10.00am and 3.00pm or can be downloaded from the Council's website [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)