

14 July 2025

Audit of Accounts 2024/25 – Notice of Public Rights

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been published on 14 July 2025 on the Council's website at

<https://www.lbdd.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/performance-and-spending/council-accounts-and-budget>

The status of the statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The Council's accounts for 2024/25 are subject to external audit by Paul Dossett, Partner, Grant Thornton UK LLP, **8 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7EA** – email paul.dossett@uk.gt.com.

Notice is given that a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts as set out in Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (the Regulations), any person interested have certain rights in the audit process as follows:

1. From 15 July 2025 to 26 August 2025 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, under section 26 of the Local Authority and Accountability Act 2014, any persons interested may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) by application to the Strategic Director of Resources at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. From 10.00am on 15 July 2025 until 26 August 2025, under section 26 of the Local Authority and Accountability Act 2014, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From 10.00am on 15 July 2025 until 26 August 2025, under section 27 of the Local Authority and Accountability Act 2014, 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 and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

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