

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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

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

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 31st May to the 11th July 2024, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on weekdays, any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2024, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01892 554040 to make an appointment. The accounts will also be available at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk.

The Council would prefer to receive inspection requests by email and to forward any requested information electronically, rather than receiving the public to inspect in person at the Town Hall. If you would like to request any of the information electronically you may do so by emailing jane.fineman@tunbridgewells.gov.uk.

During this 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 the Director of Finance, Policy and Development, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 under which the auditor could take action to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is 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 Mr. A. Oyerinde, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 30 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1AG

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

Date: 31 May 2024

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