

Worcestershire County Council

Statement of Accounts 2022/23 – 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 (Revised)

Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

Notice is hereby given that from 1 June to 12 July 2023 between 9am and 4pm 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 31 March 2023, as stipulated in Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The following unaudited documents will be made available by 31 May 2023 on the Council's website

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-finance/statement-accounts>

- The Statement of Accounts incorporating:
- The Annual Governance Statement; and
- The Narrative Report.

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 Chief Financial Officer, Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- 1) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- 2) 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, Grant Thornton UK LLP at Grant Thornton UK LLP, Colmore Plaza, 20 Colmore Circus, BIRMINGHAM, West Midlands, B4 6AT by telephone on 0121 212 4000.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

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