

# **GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL - AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

## **Notice for the commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014  
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015  
Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus)(Amendment) Regulations 2021**

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website at [www.guildford.gov.uk/soa](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/soa). The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 04 September 2023 to 16 October 2023 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm Mondays to Fridays, 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 Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Application should be made to the Joint Executive Director for Finance, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB (Tel: 01483 505050 or e-mail: [resourcescaseteam@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:resourcescaseteam@guildford.gov.uk)) in advance, to arrange a time for inspection.

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 Lead Specialist Finance at the address above. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection 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.

The Council's external auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG, [paul.cuttle@uk.gt.com](mailto:paul.cuttle@uk.gt.com), to whom any questions and notices of objections should be addressed.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Richard Bates  
Chief Financial Officer

01 September 2023