

East Hampshire District Council
Statement of Accounts 2023/24 – 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 (England) Regulations 2015
Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

The period for the exercise of public rights commences would usually include the first 30 working days starting in June to coincide with the statutory deadline for completion of the accounts by 31st May.

Notice is given that the following documents, which will be unaudited and that as published may be subject to change, have been published on the Council's website.

The Statement of Accounts incorporating:

- The Narrative Report
- The Annual Governance Statement

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 09:00 on Monday 8th July 2024 and will conclude at 17:00 on Friday 16th August 2024.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Jason Jones, for and on behalf of Ernst Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE.

Members of the Public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. Any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31st March 2024, and certain related documents comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to these accounts. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection by arrangement. Applications should be made initially to the Chief Finance Officer at the address given below or by emailing support.finance@easthants.gov.uk. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

2. 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. A local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful (under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given below.

4. A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at

<https://www.nao.org.uk/codeauditpractice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

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