

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 – sections 26 and 27
and
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the unaudited Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2026 has been published on the Council's website www.winchester.gov.uk. The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change and includes both the Annual Governance Statement and the Narrative Statement.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that from 1st July 2026 to 11th August 2026 inclusive, any person interested may inspect, and make copies of, the accounts to be audited of the above-named Winchester City Council for the year ended 31 March 2026 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to these records; except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. If this cannot be done in person at the council offices, the applicant will need to provide an email address for documents to be sent to. Application should be made initially to the Director (Finance), City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ (Tel: 01962 840222).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that from 1st July 2026 to 11th August 2026 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question them about the accounting records. In addition, any such elector or their representative may make objections to the auditor, as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (application to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to the law) or any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report under section 27 of the Act. Any objection must be sent to the Auditor in writing, and at the same time a copy of the objection must be sent to the Director (Finance) at the address above.

The Auditor is Simon Mathers, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed.

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