

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, sections 32, 43(2) and 46

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, regulations 14 and 15 as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website at:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/council-and-councillors/transparency-our-data/our-finances/our-accounts/>

The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by 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. From 23 August 2023 to 4 October 2023 inclusive (Monday to Thursday between 9.00 am and 5pm, Friday between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm) any person may on reasonable notice inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records). They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. These rights do not cover documents 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. Any person exercising these rights should give notice of their intention to inspect accounting records by email to corporate.finance@iow.gov.uk.
2. From 23 August 2023 to 4 October 2023 inclusive a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (section 26(2)). Questions should be sent to the auditor at the address given above or emailed to KSuter@uk.ey.com.
3. From 23 August 2023 to 4 October 2023 inclusive a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may make objections to the auditor, under Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:
 - Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
 - Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated 23 August 2023

Chris Ward
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