

Bedford Borough Council
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 & THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT
REGULATIONS 2015

NOTICE IS GIVEN that:

The unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 are published on the Council's website:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/your-council/about-council/council-budgets-and-spending/statement-accounts>

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

From Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024 inclusive between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday, any person interested, may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 from the Council's website. A hard copy of the accounts or copies of related documentation (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts), 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, can be requested or inspected.

Anyone who is interested in inspecting the accounts may do so by emailing BMSO.EnablingService@bedford.gov.uk

From Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts.

From Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 12 July 2024, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the 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.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

The auditor is KPMG LLP, One Snowhill, Snowhill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GH, United Kingdom, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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