

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/2/pdfs/ukpga_20140002_en.pdf

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/pdfs/uksi_20150234_en.pdf

Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/25/pdfs/ukpga_20170025_en.pdf

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/263/pdfs/uksi_20210263_en.pdf

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/263/pdfs/uksi_20220263_en.pdf

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2024/263/pdfs/uksi_20240263_en.pdf

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 1st July 2025 to 12th August 2025 any persons interested or any journalist may, on request, inspect the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records and make copies of all or any part of those records or documents, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The unaudited statement of accounts for 2024/25 is available to view at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/your-council/finances-and-audit/statement-of-accounts>.

The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.

During the above 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 Alan Mitchell, Director of Finance, at the address below. The objection must state the grounds on which it 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.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Sophia Brown, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 8 Finsbury Circus, London. EC2M 7EA.

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Date: 30/06/2025