

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

In accordance with the regulations:

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 18 June 2024 to 29 July 2024 between 9am and 4.30pm on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2024, as stipulated in Section 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford by prior arrangement only. Please telephone the Service Lead Finance on 01233 330509 to make an appointment.

The unaudited statement of accounts for 2023/24 will also be available at www.ashford.gov.uk. The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.

During this 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 the Accountancy Manager, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection 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 Parris Williams, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

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