

LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015
(Revised)

The Accounts and Audit (Amendments) Regulation 2022

Notice Published 10th June 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk The draft statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The Council has been unable to publish the accounts within the extended timeframe detailed in the amended Accounts and Audit regulations for 2022, as a result of addressing the historical challenges around Fixed Asset Register and unaudited previous Financial Statements.

The Council's accounts are now subject to audit by Mo Ramzan, Director, Audit & Assurance, Deloitte LLP, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HZ.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

(1) From Monday 17th June 2024 to Friday 26th July 2024 inclusive, any interested person may, on application to the address below, inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2023 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, and receipts). They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. Application should be made to the Chief Finance Officer at the address below.

(2) From 10 am on Monday 17th June 2024 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or their representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

(3) From 10 am on Monday 17th June 2024 until the conclusion of the audit process, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or their representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 24 and Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). 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 the Chief Finance Officer at the address below.

A guide to inspection rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/insights/local-authority-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights>

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