

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 were issued on 30th June 2025. A copy is available via the Council's website.

The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is hereby given that from Tuesday 1st July 2025 to Monday 11 August 2025, for 30 working days, any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents). He or she may also make copies of all or any part of those records or documents.

Section 26 of the Act contains prohibitions on inspecting any part of a record or document containing information that is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality or that contains personal information.

Any persons wishing to exercise their rights of inspection should contact me by email (jacqui.vanmellaerts@harlow.gov.uk) to make an appointment, giving a minimum of 24 hours' notice.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by our auditors KPMG:

15 Canada Square, London, E14 5GL

During the inspection period, local electors (or their representative) have the following rights under the Act:

- to be given the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records (section 26 of the 2014 Act)
- to make an objection to the auditor which concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report or could apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful (section 27 of the 2014 Act).

Any person wishing to question the auditor should contact the external auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask questions.

Under section 27 of the 2014 Act, any proposed objection must be submitted in writing to the Auditor. Any such objection must comply with the requirements of regulation 17 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. A copy must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

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