

Newcastle City Council

Audit of Accounts – Notice of Public Rights

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended 2022) and the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

Notice is given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts, Narrative Statement and Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024 will be available on the Council's website for inspection as determined below.

Notice is given that from 3 June to 12 July 2024 between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, any local government elector, journalist or citizen journalist interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 and all 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. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially at the address below.

Notice is given that from 3 June to 12 July 2024 any such local elector of Newcastle City Council or his representative may under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 question the auditor about the financial records for the year ended 31 March 2024. However, only a local elector registered on the electoral register may, under Section 27 of the Act, make an objection to the auditor 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 at the address below, 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.

Notice is given that the auditor is:

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To whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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