



Statement of Accounts 2022/23 – Public Inspection Notice
Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website at:

[Statement of accounts | East Staffordshire Borough Council \(eaststaffsbc.gov.uk\)](https://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk)

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

Notice is hereby given under the regulations set out above that from **27th October 2023 to 7th December 2023** on weekdays between 9.30am and 5.00pm, any person interested may, on reasonable notice, inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and other related documents of the above named Council for the year ended 31st March 2023, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The unaudited accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept. Application should be made initially to the Financial Management Unit by contacting James Hopwood (Chief Accountant) telephone 01283 508139 (e-mail: james.hopwood@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk).

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the unaudited 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 Chief Finance Officer, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, Burton Place, Burton Upon Trent DE14 2EB. 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 Andy Smith, Key Audit Partner, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG.

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

Dated: 27th October 2023
Stephen Fitzgerald
Head of Service

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