

Kirklees Council

Statement of Accounts 2025/26 – 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
The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 has been published on the Council's website at:
www.kirklees.gov.uk/accounts.

The period for the exercise of public rights commences on 26 June 2026 and will conclude at 07 August 2026.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Gareth Mills, for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, No 1 Whitehall Riverside, Leeds, LS1 4BN.

(1) From 26 June 2025 to 07 August 2026, any person interested may inspect the accounts of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2026. On reasonable notice they may request access to 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. Application should be made initially at the email address CentralFinance@kirklees.gov.uk or by contacting the address below.

(2) From 26 June 2025 07 August 2026 at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts and accounting records of the Council.

(3) From 26 June 2025 to 07 August 2026 any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, 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, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor by emailing gareth.mills@uk.gt.com and copied to the Council at the address given below.

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