

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

### **Audit of Accounts – Notice of Public Rights Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been published on the Council's website at: [Lewisham Council - Our annual statement of accounts and notices](#)

The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) the public inspection period for the accounts and related documents should commence at the earliest the first working day after the unaudited accounts are published.

This notice provides details of the 30 working days during which you may inspect the accounts and certain related documents.

NOTICE is given that the elements of the Accounts that were missing from the version published on 18 June 2024 have now been added. On the advice of the Monitoring Officer for the London Borough of Lewisham, due to the Pre-Election period at the time of publishing the first draft, the decision was taken to not include most elements of the Narrative Statement or the Annual Governance Statement (AGS). These sections have now been added to the second draft that was published on 25 July 2024.

The public inspection period has therefore been extended to cover 30 working days from when the complete document has been published on the Council's website, this will be from 26 July to 06 September 2024.

NOTICE is given that from 19 June to 06 September 2024 any person interested may inspect the accounts of London Borough of Lewisham for the year ended 31 March 2024 on the Council's website. 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 information. Application should be made initially at the email address: [CoreAccountingTeam@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:CoreAccountingTeam@lewisham.gov.uk)

NOTICE is given that from 19 June to 06 September 2024 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question them about the accounts.

NOTICE is given that from 19 June to 06 September 2024, 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. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is KPMG LLP (UK), 15 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, LONDON E14 5GL, direct dial +44 (0)20 7311 1000, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.