

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

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 (REVISED)

LOCAL AUDIT (PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS) ACT 2017

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 has been published on the Council's website at:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/40312/Statement-of-Accounts-and-Audit>

The Statement of Accounts is in draft form and may be subject to change.

Notice is hereby given that from Tuesday 1 July to Monday 11 August 2025 (between 9.00am and 4.30pm Mondays to Fridays), any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect the Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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. The Accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the address below or otherwise by arrangement.

Notice is hereby given that from Tuesday 1 July to Monday 11 August 2025 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his/her representative an opportunity to question him/her regarding the Accounts as defined in Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Notice is hereby given that from Tuesday 1 July to Monday 11 August 2025, 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 act 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 at the address below.

Notice is given that the auditor is KPMG LLP, 66 Queen Square, BRISTOL, BS1 4BE (telephone 0117 905 4200) to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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