

CHELTENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Public Inspection Notice – Group Statement of Accounts 2023/24

**Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 regulations 26, 27 and 28
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 regulations 14 and 15
Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017**

The period for the exercise of public rights commences on the 17 January 2025 and will conclude at 4pm on the 27 February 2025.

The following documents have been made available in addition to the information already made public in June 2024:

- The draft Group Statement of Accounts

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by:

Bishops Fleming LLP,
10 North Place,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire,
GL50 4DW

1. From 9 am on 20 February 2025 to 4pm on 27 February 2025 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2024, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) by prior arrangement at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

Deputy Chief Executive
Cheltenham Borough Council
Municipal Offices
The Promenade
Cheltenham
GL50 9SA

2. A person is not entitled to inspect or copy any part of any record or document containing:

- Information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality
- Personal information

3. From 9 am on 20 February 2025 to 4pm on 27 February 2025 at the request of a local government elector, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

4. From 9 am on 20 February 2025 to 4pm on 27 February 2025 a local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2015. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given in note 1 above.

A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at:

<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-auditpractice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

Dated: 17 January 2025