

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD

The Draft Statement of Accounts and Draft Annual Governance Statement have been published on the Council's website and are available at [Financial documents | solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/financial-documents). The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, from Thursday 1 June 2023 to Wednesday 12 July 2023 any person may inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts for the year ended 31 March 2023, as stipulated in Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(10) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential or personal information.

The Draft Statement of Accounts, other documents and the Draft Annual Governance Statement will be available for inspection between 9.00am and 4.30pm on weekdays at the Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB by prior arrangement. Please telephone 0121 704 6904 or email corporatecontrol@solihull.gov.uk to arrange an appointment.

During the inspection period, which takes place between Thursday 1 June 2023 and Wednesday 12 July 2023, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Please note Section 27 requires that any objection, and the grounds on which it is being made, must be sent to the auditor in writing and copied to the Acting Chief Executive at the address given above. 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 the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham. B3 3AG.

A guide to your rights can be found at:

<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

[signed by Paul Johnson]

P. Johnson CPFA
Acting Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
Date: 31 May 2023