**Rushcliffe Borough Council**

**Statement of Accounts 2023/24 – 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 (Amended by 2020/404 & 2021/263 & 2022/708)**

**Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017**

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 9am on 01 June 2024 and will conclude on 12 July 2024 at 4.45pm.

The following documents, which will be unaudited and subject to change, will be made available by 1st June 2023 on the Council’s website at [Rushcliffe - Statement of Accounts](https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/about-us/about-the-council/council-spending/statement-of-accounts/)

* The Statement of Accounts incorporating:
* The Annual Governance Statement; and
* The Narrative Report.

The Council’s accounts are subject to external audit by Mark Surridge, for and on behalf of Mazars, Park View House, 58 The Ropewalk, Nottingham, NG1 5DW.

Members of the Public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. 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) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. A local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. A local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council’s accounts (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) 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 2014). 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 below.
4. A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at [https://www.nao.org.uk/code-auditpractice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/](https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/)

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