

Sunderland City Council

Electors' rights statement under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

Notice of the electors' rights in relation to the statement of accounts of Sunderland City Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

Rights to inspect the statement of accounts and accounting records

Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ('the Act') provide local government electors with the right to inspect and make copies of the statement of accounts, and provide any interested person or any journalist with the right to inspect and make copies of accounting records and all documents relating to those records, for the financial year ended 31st March 2023.

These rights may be exercised from 6th July 2023 to 16th August 2023, Monday to Friday between the hours of 09:30am to 16:30pm at *Directorate of Finance, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA.

In accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Rights to inspect the accounts and relevant accounting records can be arranged by informing Lisa Armstrong of your intention to exercise your rights. Lisa Armstrong can be contacted by using the e-mail address Lisa.Armstrong@sunderland.gov.uk.

Rights to question the auditor and to make objections at audit

Under section 26 of the Act, a local government elector may question the auditor about the accounting records for the financial year ended 31st March 2023 and, under section 27 of the Act, a local government elector may make an objection to the auditor which:

- concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of the Act; or
- concerns an item of account in respect of which the auditor could apply for a declaration that the item is unlawful under section 28 of the Act.

These rights may be exercised from 6th July 2023 to 16th August 2023.

Any requests to question the auditor and any objections must be made in writing to the auditor at the following address:

Mr Mark Kirkham
Mazars
The Corner,
Bank Chambers,
26 Mosley Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1DF

A copy of any objection must also be sent to Sunderland City Council at the address set out above*.