

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INSPECTION RIGHTS

From Monday 30th June 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025 inclusive, 30 working days, the accounting records and related documents of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 will be available for inspection in exercise of the rights of interested persons within the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015.

These rights are as follows:

- to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records, and
- to make copies of all or any part of those records or documents

Any persons wishing to exercise their rights of inspection should give notice to Peter Vickers (01252 398099 or peter.vickers@rushmoor.gov.uk) to arrange a visit. Details can be requested of the records and documents that persons wish to inspect.

The Council's external auditor is Simon Mathers (SMathers@uk.ey.com) of Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton SO15 2BE. During the inspection period, local electors have the following rights under the 2014 Act:

- to be given the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records (or have a representative do so for you) (section 26 of the 2014 Act)
- to make an objection to the auditor which concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report or could apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful (section 27 of the 2014 Act)

Note that section 27 requires written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is being made to be sent to the auditor and copied to the Council. Written notices must comply with the requirements of regulation 17 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/contents/made>).

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