

Notice of public rights to inspect the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

[The Accounts and Audit \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#)

[The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 - Regulation 15](#)

[Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 – Sections 26 & 27](#)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the unaudited Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 March 2024 is [published on the council's website](#). The Annual Financial Report includes the Statement of Accounts, the Narrative Statement and the Annual Governance Statement. The Statement of Accounts will be unaudited and therefore may be subject to change.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that from Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July between 9am and 4pm (except Saturdays and Sundays) any person may inspect under [Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014](#) (Inspection of documents etc.), and make copies of, the accounts to be audited of South Gloucestershire Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to these records; except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential or personal information.

The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept (access to Offices will be subject to Government Coronavirus advice at the time), or otherwise by arrangement.

Application should be made initially to:

Service Director – Finance and Chief Financial Officer, South Gloucestershire Council, Council Offices, Badminton Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 5AF (tel: 01454 865140).

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that from Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for any area to which the Accounts relate, will give the elector or his/her representative, an opportunity to question them about the accounts. In addition, any such elector or their representative may make objections to the auditor, as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under [Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014](#) (application to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to the law) or any other matter in respect of which the Auditor could make a report under [Section 27 of the Act](#). Any objection must be sent to the Auditor in writing,

and at the same time a copy of the objection must be sent to the Service Director – Finance and Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer) at the address above.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

The Auditor for the South Gloucestershire Council is:

Grant Thornton, The Colmore Building, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6AT

M Bowden, CPFA

Service Director – Finance and Chief Financial Officer (S151 Officer)

3rd June 2024