

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

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 9am on 1 July 2024 and will conclude at 4.45pm on 9 August 2024. The following documents, which will be unaudited, will be made available by 28 June 2024 on the Council's website at [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/publicnotices](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/publicnotices):

- The Statement of Accounts incorporating
- The Annual Governance Statement and
- The Narrative Report.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Azets, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Bank House, Cherry Street, Birmingham, B2 5AL. 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 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-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

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