ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2025

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 sections 26 & 27

Audit Commission Act 1998, section 17

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

The unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 will be published on the Council’s website by 30 June 2025. (<https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/your-council/financial-information/statement-of-accounts-audit-reports>)

The Statement of Accounts, including the narrative report and annual Governance Statement have not been audited and may, as published be subject to change.

The Council’s accounts are subject to external audit by Mark Surridge, Mazars LLP, First Floor, Two Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3AX. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

Under Regulation 15 of the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015, the Authority’s statement of accounts, annual governance statement and narrative report should be made available for public inspection for a single period of 30 working days. Regulation 15 (1)(a) requires that this period includes the first 10 working days of June.

1. Under Section 26 of the Local and Accountability Act 2014, from 1st July 2025 to 11th August 2025 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 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. From 9:00 am on 1st July until 5:00pm on 11th August 2025, 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. From 9 am on 1st July until 5:00pm on 11th August 2025, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council’s accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). A local elector who wishes to make an objection must first make sure the Auditor has received written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made by sending to the above address. A copy of that notice must also be sent to me at the address given below.

23 May 2024

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