

# TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 (ss 26, 27, 28) ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 REGULATIONS 9, 14, 15

### 2023/24 Statement of Accounts

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been published on the Council's website. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Laura Hinsley for and on behalf of Azets. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) that from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (inclusive) between the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday any person may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts), as stipulated in sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially to the Executive Director Finance, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth; tel: 01827 709242. Please note a copy of the Council's accounts will also be available on the Council's website.
2. During this period, a local government elector of any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to the Executive Director Finance at the address given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particular of:
  - a. any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
  - b. any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to 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 below, or via the Azets website (<https://www.azets.co.uk/>) and also copied to the Council at the address given above.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Please note that the accounts published for public rights of inspection are draft unaudited accounts and as such may be subject to change.

Questions may be received at Marmion House by arrangement with the auditor, Laura Hinsley, Azets, 6th Floor Bank House, Cherry Street, Birmingham, B2 5AL, to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed.

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