

## **Public Inspection Notice – Draft Annual Statement of Accounts 2022/23**

### **Oadby and Wigston Borough Council**

- Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights
- The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (Section 26 and 27)
- The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Regulations 14 and 15)
- The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Period for the exercise of public rights commences 8th November 2023 and will conclude at 5pm on the 19th December 2023.

The Statement of Accounts (including the Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement) is made available alongside the Accounts.

The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and the Statement as published may be subject to change. The Draft Statement of Accounts is available on the Council's Website at [www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/financial\\_report](http://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/financial_report)

The Council's Accounts are subject to external audit by Grant Thornton UK LLP 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG.

(1) From 8th November 2023 to 5pm, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2023, and certain related documents. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. These rights are restricted, to prevent access to documents containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or containing personal information, under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

(2) From 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 5pm, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, at the request of a local government elector, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council.

(3) From 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 5pm, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 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 or apply for a declaration that an item of accounts is unlawful under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. These rights are restricted, to prevent access to documents containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or containing personal information, under Section 26 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 or by emailing Grant Thornton UK LLP, 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG and also copied to the Council at the address given below.

(4) Due to restrictions in place, access to view a copy of the Statement of Accounts in person will only be available by prior arrangement. Please, contact us by email:

Bev.Bull@oadby-wigston.gov.uk to discuss this, if you are unable to access a copy by any other means.

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