

SOUTHWARK COUNCIL AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS 2023-24

NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of Southwark Council, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024, are available for public inspection as set out below:

1. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:

Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2024, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in section 2 below.

Local Government electors and their representatives have rights to:

- question the auditor about the accounts; and
- object to the accounts for any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Authority. The Auditor can be contacted in section 4 below.

2. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts:

Clive Palfreyman Strategic Director of Finance

Address for correspondence: Southwark Council, Finance and Governance, 2nd Floor, PO Box 64529 London SE1P 5LX Address for visitors: Southwark Council, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

The unaudited 2023-24 Statement of Accounts and draft Annual Governance Statement will be available on the Council's website <u>http://www.southwark.gov.uk</u> on **Thursday 4 July 2024**.

For any immediate enquiries please contact Amarjit Uppal in Corporate Finance, email: <u>Amarjit.Uppal@southwark.gov.uk</u> telephone: 0207 525 4578

3. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days:

Commencing on: Monday 8 July 2024 and ending on: Friday 16 August 2024

4. Your appointed Auditor is:

Fleur Nieboer Key Audit Partner KPMG LLP 15 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, E14 5GL Email: Fleur.Nieboer@KPMG.co.uk

Further guidance for electors has been published by the National Audit Office and can be found here: www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights