

Budleigh Salterton Town Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 234) The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27

1. Date of Announcement: **3 June 2024**
2. Each year the Town Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2023, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Mrs J E Vanstone, Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Budleigh Salterton Town Council
Council Offices
Station Road
Budleigh Salterton EX9 6RJ

T: 01395 442245
E: clerk@budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk

between 10.00am and 1.00pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (excluding public holidays)

commencing on **4 June 2024**

and ending on **15 July 2024**

3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:
 - The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and
 - The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.

The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.

4. The Town Council's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:

PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team)
15 Westferry Circus
Canary Wharf
London E14 4HD
(sba@pkf-littlejohn.com)

5. This announcement is made by Mrs J E Vanstone, Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Budleigh Salterton Town Council