



New Forest

DISTRICT COUNCIL

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS
DRAFT UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

I confirm that the Draft Unaudited Statement of Accounts presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority at 31 March 2024 and the authority's income and expenditure for the year 2023/24.

The Draft Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change and includes both the Annual Governance Statement (not yet formally approved by Audit Committee) and the Narrative Statement.

See below the Notice of Inspection Rights.

Alan Bethune
Responsible Financial (S151) Officer

Dated 31 May 2024

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 as amended**

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Simon Mathers, Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE, United Kingdom. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process, which may be exercised in the period 3 June to 12 July 2024. These rights are as follows:

1. On weekdays (9.00am to 4.45pm Fridays) any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 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. 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. 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 24 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. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Alan Bethune
Responsible Financial (S151) Officer

Dated 31 May 2024

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