

Middlesbrough Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, sections 25 to 27

Accounts and Audit (England and Wales) Regulations 2015, regulations 14 & 15

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Ernst & Young LLP of City Gate, St. James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4JD. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From Thursday 22 February 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024 between 9.00am and 4.00pm, any persons interested may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2023 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records at the address given below.

Please inform the Council of your intention to exercise your rights by emailing statementofaccounts@middlesbrough.gov.uk. The unaudited accounts, which include the Narrative Report and the Annual Governance Statement, are available to view at www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/open-data-foi-and-have-your-say/open-data-and-policies/annual-report-and-statement-accounts.

2. From Thursday 22 February 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or any representative of the elector, has the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records. The auditor can be contacted at the address given above.

3. From Thursday 22 February 2024 to Friday 5 April 2024, a local government elector for an area to which the accounts relate, may make an objection to the local auditor concerning a matter in respect of which:-

- (a) the auditor could make a public interest report or
- (b) if the auditor considers an item of account is contrary to the law, the auditor may under section 28 of the Act, apply to the court for a declaration to that effect.

The objection must be made in writing to the auditor and copied to me at the address below.

**Deborah Middleton
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Dated: 21 February 2024