PUBLIC INSPECTION NOTICE - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2025/26

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026
LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2015

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

NOTICE is given that from Wednesday 1st July 2026 to Tuesday 11th August 2026 inclusive between 9:00am and 5:00pm Mondays to Fridays, any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the unaudited accounts of Hastings Borough Council for the year ended 31st March 2023 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection; application should be made initially via the email address below.

The unaudited statement of accounts for 2024/25 and draft Annual Governance Statement are available to view at https://www.hastings.gov.uk/my_council/transparency/budgets/. The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.

NOTICE is given that from Wednesday 1st July 2026 to Tuesday 11th August 2026, a local government elector for the area of Hastings Borough 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.

NOTICE is given that from Wednesday 1st July 2026 to Tuesday 11th August 2026, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

> Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the email address below.

NOTICE is given that from a local government elector for Hastings Borough Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of a proposed objection must be sent to the auditor (c/o Darren Wells, Engagement Lead) at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK **LLP,** 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

Dated: 30th June 2026

Kit Wheeler - Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer.

Hastings Borough Council
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Please telephone 01424 451520 or email: section151@hastings.gov.uk to make an appointment.