

PRESTON CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014, THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been published on the Council's website at <https://www.preston.gov.uk/statementofaccounts>. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given that from 3 June 2024 to 12 July 2024 between 9.00am and 4.30pm Mondays to Fridays, any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 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 at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially at the address below.

NOTICE is given that from 3 June 2024 to 12 July 2024 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

NOTICE is given that from 3 June 2024 to 12 July 2024, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relations 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 address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool, L3 1PS to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed in writing.

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