

## **Sefton Metropolitan Council**

### **Statement of Accounts 2022/2023 - Public Inspection Notice**

#### **Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights**

#### **Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website at ([www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk) under "Residents / Your Council / Council Budget and Spending"). The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given that from 8 November 2023 until 19 December 2023 any person interested may inspect the accounts of Sefton Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 on the Council's website. On reasonable notice they may request access to 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. Application should be made initially to the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services at the address below.

NOTICE is given that from 8 November 2023 until 19 December 2023 the Council's external 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 8 November 2023 until 19 December 2023, 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 address below.

NOTICE is given that the Council's external auditor is Hayley Clark, Ernst & Young LLP, One Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6HQ, United Kingdom, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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