

# **AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE HAMPSHIRE PENSION FUND 2025/26**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Regulations 14 and 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015:

- 1 From 1 July to 11 August 2026 inclusive, any local government elector or any journalist on application to the Director of Corporate Resources (who can be contacted by post at The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UB or by email to [budget@hants.gov.uk](mailto:budget@hants.gov.uk)), may inspect the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2026 and may inspect and make copies of all or any books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records. Inspection may take place by appointment at Hampshire County Council's main office in Winchester on weekdays between 10am and 4pm.
- 2 From 1 July to 11 August 2026 inclusive, the Auditor, at the request of any local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate, will give the elector (or their representative) an opportunity to question them about the accounts, and any such elector (or their representative) may contact the Auditor and make objections as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (namely, the declaration that an item of account is unlawful), or could make a report in the public interest under Schedule 7 of the 2014 Act.
- 3 No objection may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection stating the facts on which the local government elector relies, the grounds upon which the objection is being made and particulars of any such objection. Such notice should be addressed to Andrew Brittain, Ernst & Young LLP, R+ Building, 2 Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ ([abrittain@uk.ey.com](mailto:abrittain@uk.ey.com)). Copies of such notices must also be sent to The Director of Corporate Resources, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UB ([budget@hants.gov.uk](mailto:budget@hants.gov.uk)).

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