

BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE
OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024, will be available for public inspection as set out below:

1. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:

- Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2024, these documents will be available giving two full days' notice on application to the person in paragraph 2 below.

Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to:

- question the auditor about the accounts; and
- object to the accounts for any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Authority.

The Auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose.

2. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts:

Title: Business Support Manager

Address: Southfields Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 7NR

Email: governance@bedsfire.gov.uk

The unaudited Statement of Accounts are now available on the authority's website www.bedsfire.com. As they are unaudited they may be subject to change. A copy of the unaudited accounts can be viewed on application to the Business Support Manager at the above address, between 9.00am and 4.30pm on weekdays between 16th August 2024 and 30th September 2024. They are also available via the following link <https://www.bedsfire.gov.uk/about-us/finance-and-budgets>

3. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days:

Commencing on: **Friday 16th August 2024** and ending on: **Monday 30th September 2024**

4. Your appointed Auditor is:

Katie Henry, Director

KPMG LLP UK, One Snow Hill, Birmingham B4 6GH

For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication 'Council Accounts - A Guide to Your Rights' are available from the National Audit Office website. <https://www.nao.org.uk/insights/local-authority-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>