

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Portsmouth City Council

Financial Year Ended 31 March 2026

1. Publication of Accounts

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2026 has been published on Portsmouth City Council's website in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, and the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017.

2. Inspection Period

From Monday 1st July 2026 to Tuesday 12th August 2026 (inclusive), being a period of 30 working days, the accounts and supporting accounting records will be available for inspection by any person interested.

3. Rights of Local Government Electors

During the inspection period, a local government elector for the area of Portsmouth City Council has the right to inspect the accounting records, make copies, question the auditor, and make objections under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

4. Inspection Arrangements

The Statement of Accounts are available online while any person wishing to exercise the right to inspect the accounting records and other documents should give notice of this by email or phone at the details below. The rights encompass inspecting the accounts of the City Council for the year ended 31st March 2026 along with related

documentation (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts and other documents relating to these records. These rights do not cover documents containing personal information, or documents that would prejudice commercial confidentiality where there is no overriding public interest in favour of their disclosure.

Inspection times: Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:00pm.

Location: Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2AR

Contact: hfstecfin@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or phone Richard Webb (Deputy Director of Finance) on 023 9284 1203.

5. Auditor Contact Details

The City Council's external auditor is Ernst & Young LLP.

Local government electors wishing to exercise their rights to question the auditor about the accounting records or to make an objection should contact the auditor in writing and at the contact details below and copy me in at the address below.

Mr Andrew Brittain, Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square,
Southampton, SO15 2BE

Note - Any objection raised should concern a matter or item of account where the auditor could either:

- make a Public Interest Report under section 24 (schedule 7) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014,
- apply for a declaration that the item is contrary to the law under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

6. Responsible Financial Officer

Chris Ward

Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer)

Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2AR

Dated 26th June 2026