

Audit of accounts - public notice

Year Ended 31 March 2024

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the commencement period for the exercise of public rights to inspect the 2023 to 2024 accounts and related documents, based on an account's completion date of 31 May 2024, should include the first 10 working days of June, with inspection dates being between 3 June and 12 July 2024.

The Council has been unable to meet this requirement due to audit delays for prior year accounts (2020/21 to 2022/23) which are affecting local authorities across the country, as well as resourcing challenges experienced in 2023/24. These factors have resulted in a delay in completion of the 2023/24 draft accounts, and consequently in the commencement of the public inspection period.

A delay notice was issued on the 31 May 2024.

The accounts for the prior years have now been concluded and the council is now in a position to publish the Pre-Audited accounts for Year ended 31 March 2024 on Tuesday 14 January 2025.

Inspection period for 2023 to 2024 accounts

Any interested person may inspect and copy the accounts and related documents of this body by appointment between the hours of 10am and 4pm on weekdays between Wednesday 15 January and Tuesday 25 February 2025.

Accounts: Stoke-on Trent City Council

Address: Financial Services Division, Civic Centre, Glebe Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 1HH

Email finance.systems@stoke.gov.uk to book an appointment to view the accounts.

Any elector for the area of the Stoke-on Trent city council may question the auditor about the 2023 to 2024 accounts or make an objection on any matter in respect of which the auditor could take action as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Any question or objection should be sent to the auditor at the address below, from the 15 January to 25 February 2025:

Mark Surridge

Forvis Mazars

2 Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3AX

Nick Edmonds,
Corporate Director – Resources (S151 Officer)
Stoke-on-Trent City Council,
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Date: 14 January 2025