

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT AND RIGHT TO INSPECT THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015,

1. that the audit of the accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 has been concluded.
2. that due to delays affecting local authority audits nationally, the government and relevant regulatory bodies have set a backstop date of **28 February 2025** for the completion of outstanding audits for the 2023/24 financial year.
3. that as part of this process, our external auditors, **Ernst and Young**, have issued a **disclaimer of opinion** on the accounts outlining their inability to complete the audit within the usual timeframe due to circumstances beyond the control of both the authority and the auditors.
4. signed copies of the unaudited accounts are available for public inspection by any local government elector on application to the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer), Havant Borough Council, Public Services Plaza, Civic Road, Havant, PO9 2AX. The Statement of Accounts can also be viewed on the Council's website at:

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/our-organisation/budgets-and-spending/statement-accounts>

5. copies will be provided to any local government elector on request.

This notice ensures transparency and keeps stakeholders informed of the audit outcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the above contact.

Steven Pink
Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

20th February 2025