



THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 – Section 26, 27 and 28 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulations 9, 14 and 15 The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

The Staffordshire Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority is committed to openness, honesty and transparency.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”) set out detailed requirements on a relevant authority (defined in section 2(1) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014), in relation to its annual audit and accounting processes.

1. From 1st June 2023 to 12th July 2023 people may, on application to the Office of the PCC (by emailing PFCC@staffordshire.pfcc.gov.uk, ringing 01785 232270 or writing to P O Box 3167, Stafford ST16 9JZ) between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, any person may inspect the accounts of the Staffordshire Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority. The accounts will also be available for view at <https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/what-we-do/access-to-information/the-publication-scheme/annual-statement-of-accounts/>
2. **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 Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2023, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 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 5 below for this purpose.

Questions may be received at the address above for the attention of the Chief Financial Officer, (by arrangement with the External Auditor, Sarah Jassal, Public Sector Audit Manager, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3AG), to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of this notice must be sent to the Office of the PCC at the above address.

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Director of Finance
Section 151 Officer