

Statement of Accounts 2023/24 - Public Inspection Notice



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (section 26 and 27)

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Regulation 14 and 15)

Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

Notice is given that the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been published on the Authority's website. The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and based on Local Government Pension Scheme estimates and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that the period for the exercise of public rights will commence at 9am on 3rd June 2024 and will conclude at 4pm on the 12th July 2024.

The following documents will be made available by 31 May 2024:

- The Statement of Accounts
- The Annual Governance Statement
- The Narrative Report

You can also see supporting documents including books, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, and ask for copies of these or of the accounts. However the law does not give you a right to see documents which are protected by commercial confidentiality, or to see personal information relating to a particular individual.

The accounts are available online [here](#) and in person at Fire Service HQ, Oakroyd Hall, Bradford Road, Birkenshaw, BD11 2DY, by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01274 682311 to make an appointment.

During the public inspection period, council electors and their representatives can ask the approved auditor questions about the accounts or make objections to them. Please contact the approved auditor, with any questions or objections at the following address:

Grant Thornton UK LLP
No 1 Whitehall Riverside
Leeds
LS1 4BN

A local elector can make an objection to the auditor if they believe that;

- a) An item of the accounts is unlawful, or
- b) It is in the public interest that something should be considered by West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue or brought to the attention of the public.

If you want to object to the accounts, you can contact the approved auditor at the audit address provided above. Your objection must be in writing and must clearly set out the grounds on which you are objecting. You must also send a copy to the Director of Finance and Procurement at the address given below.

Alison Wood
Director of Finance and Procurement

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue,
Oakroyd Hall,
Bradford Road,
Birkenshaw,
BD11 2DY.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights>

If you have any queries regarding this notice please contact Emma Ayton by email at Emma.Ayton@westyorkfire.gov.uk