

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 that from 1st July 2026 to 11th August 2026 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2026, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The accounts and other documents are available for inspection at Westmorland and Furness Council, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal LA9 4DQ by prior arrangement. Please contact Fiona Parker by email Fiona.parker@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk or by telephone on 07741 230019 to make an appointment. The accounts are available on the Westmorland and Furness Council website.

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to David Hodgkinson, Director of Resources, Westmorland and Furness Council, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4DQ. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to Gareth Mills, Grant Thornton UK LLP at No. 1 Whitehall Riverside, Whitehall Road, Leeds, LS1 4BN.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>.

Date: 30th June 2026

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