

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

In accordance with the regulations:

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 30 June 2026 to 10 August 2026 between 9am and 4.30pm 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 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at International House, Dover Place, Ashford by prior arrangement only. Please telephone the Accountancy manager on 01233 330520 to make an appointment.

The unaudited statement of accounts for 2025/26 will also be available at www.ashford.gov.uk. The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.

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 the Accountancy Manager, International House, Dover Place, Ashford. 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 the auditor Parris Williams, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 8 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7EA

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

Date: 30 June 2026

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