

Audit of accounts year ended 31 March 2023

The following sets out your rights under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, sections 24 – 27, the Accounts and Audit (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 Regulations 14, 15 & 17 and the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

Our accounts are subject to external audit by Paul Cuttle, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

From 1st June 2023 to 12th July 2023 inclusive, between 10am and 4pm (excluding weekends), any person may inspect our accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts). They may also make copies of the unaudited accounts and documents.

During this period a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

Any local government elector may raise an objection to the accounts where the auditor is asked to issue a report in the public interest (under section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act) and/or apply for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 27). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

If you wish to inspect the accounts or any documents, please email Fiona Jump (financial.accounting@dacorum.gov.uk) in the first instance to arrange inspection and discuss any specific requirements.

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