West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Statement of Accounts 2023/24 – Public Inspection Notice

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

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been published on the Combined Authority's website at:

What we spend and how we spend it - West Yorkshire Combined Authority (westyorks-ca.gov.uk)

The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The period for the exercise of public rights to inspect accounting records and question or make objections at audit is from **02/09/2024 to 11/10/2024**.

The local auditor for the West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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During the above period, any person may

- **inspect the Authority's accounting records** for the financial year 2021/22, and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information; and
- make copies of all or any part of those records or documents.

On reasonable notice you may request access to inspect these documents Application should be made initially at the email address <u>Finance@westyorks-ca.gov.uk</u> (please mark it for attention of the Chief Finance Officer), a suitable arrangement can be organised.

Rights to question the auditor and to make objections at audit

During the above period, the local auditor must give a local government elector within the West Yorkshire (or their representative) an opportunity to **question the auditor** about the accounting records.

If you want to question the auditor, please contact the auditor at the contact detail given above.

Please note you cannot require any information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality or contains personal information to be disclosed to you in answer to any question.

During this period you may **make an objection to the local auditor** about any matter in respect of which the auditor could:

- make a public interest report, or
- apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful.

Please send any notice of objection directly to the auditor at the contact detail given above. Any objection must be in writing. By law, you must also send a copy of your objection to the Combined Authority, at the contact detail below (please mark it for attention of the Chief Finance Officer).

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Combined Authority at the address below.

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