

Notice of Public Rights at Audit

Essex County Council and Essex County Pension Fund

From **27th August 2024** to the **7th October 2024** (30 working days), the accounting records and related documents of the County Council and the Essex Pension Fund for the year ended **31st March 2023** are available for inspection in exercise of the rights of interested persons under **section 26** of the **Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014** and **section 15** of the **Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**.

These rights are as follows:

- To inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records; and
- To make copies of all or any part of those records and documents.

However, these rights do not entitle inspection of the accounts or other documentation containing personal information or information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, nor do they require such information to be disclosed in answer to any question.

The accounts and other documents will be made available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept or otherwise by arrangement. Application should be made to the:

**Executive Director, Corporate Services,
County Hall,
Chelmsford,
CM1 1QH
Tel: 03330 138401
E-mail: financial.accounting@essex.gov.uk**

The County Council and Essex Pension Fund Accounts are subject to external audit by:

**Ciaran McLaughlin, Partner,
BDO LLP
16 The Havens
Ipswich
IP3 9SJ
United Kingdom
E-mail: Ciaran.mclaughlin@bdo.co.uk**

A local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or his/her representative, may make an objection to the external auditor which concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report, or could apply for a declaration that the item of account is unlawful. The requirements are that the objection is made in writing to the external auditor (at the above address), and that a copy of the objection is sent to Executive Director, Corporate Services.

**Nicole Wood
Executive Director, Corporate Services
23rd August 2024**