

NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2025/2026 – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014
THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015
THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022

Notice is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 will be published on the council's website on 30th June 2026. The statement of accounts will be unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that from 1st July 2026 to 11th August 2026 on weekdays between 10am and 4pm, any person interested may, on reasonable notice, inspect and make copies of the accounts of the council for the year ended 31 March 2026.

All books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts may be inspected and copies made, with the exception of any record or document containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality or contains personal information (or enables a particular individual to be identified), as per sections 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Initial application for inspection or any enquiries regarding the accounts should be emailed to transparency@nelincs.gov.uk.

Notice is given that from 1st July 2026 to 11th August 2026 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the council's area, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

Notice is given that from 1st July 2026 to 11th August 2026, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

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 Council at the address below.

Notice is given that the local auditor is Nicola Hallas, for and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP, 5th Floor, 3 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

A comprehensive 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>

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