



SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS  
DRAFT UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- I confirm that the Draft Unaudited Statement of Accounts presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority at 31 March 2025 and the authority's income and expenditure for the year 2024/25;
- The Draft Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change and includes both the Annual Governance Statement (not yet formally approved by Audit Committee) and the Narrative Statement;
- See Below Notice of Inspection Rights.

MEL CREIGHTON, Executive Director Enabling Services & S151 Officer  
Dated 27 June 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INSPECTION RIGHTS

Notice is given that from 30 June 2025 to 8 August 2025 inclusive, between 8.30am and 4.00pm, any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect (subject to the restrictions set out below) and make copies of the accounts of the City Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto. Application should be made initially via email to [Finance@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Finance@southampton.gov.uk) or in writing to the Executive Director Enabling Services & S151 Officer, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY. Documents requested will be emailed to the applicant, or otherwise made available for inspection by arrangement.

Rights of inspection do not entitle a person to:

- Inspect or copy any part of a record or document containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality or require any such information to be disclosed in answer to any question. Information is protected if its disclosure would prejudice commercial confidentiality, and there would be no overriding public interest in favour of its disclosure.
- Inspect or copy any part of a record or document that contains personal information or require any personal information to be disclosed in answer to any question. Information is personal if it identifies a particular individual or enables a particular individual to be identified. For officers of the authority, information is personal where it relates specifically to a particular individual and is available to the authority for reasons connected with the fact that:
  - the individual holds or has held an office or employment under the authority, or



- payments or other benefits in respect of an office or employment under any other person are or have been made or provided to that individual by that body (including payments for ceasing to hold office or employment).

Notice is given that from 30 June 2025 to 8 August 2025 inclusive, the Auditor, Ben Lazarus of Ernst & Young LLP, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question them about the accounts. Any such elector or their representative may make objections to the Auditor relating to any matter where the Auditor could take action, namely to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is unlawful and/or make a report in the public interest. Questions or notices of objections should be addressed to Ben Lazarus, Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF, (email [Ben.Lazarus@uk.ey.com](mailto:Ben.Lazarus@uk.ey.com)). No objection may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of such notice must be sent to Southampton City Council at the address below or by email to [Finance@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Finance@southampton.gov.uk).

Dated 27 June 2025

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