

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Statement of Accounts 2025/26

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NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 has been published on the Council's website at <https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/budgets-and-spending>

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

NOTICE is given that from 27 June to 7 August 2026 (inclusive), any person interested may inspect the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 on the council's website. On reasonable notice and between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays between the above dates, they may request to inspect all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, and receipts, 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. Application should be made initially at the email address financial.reporting@RBWM.gov.uk

NOTICE is given that from 27 June to 7 August 2026 (inclusive), a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact Julie Masci, the auditor at the address given below, or email julie.maschi@uk.gt.com to arrange to ask any questions.

NOTICE is given that from 27 June to 7 August 2026, any such elector may make objections to the auditor at the address given below, 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 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 email address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP, 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol, BS2 0EL. Email: julie.maschi@uk.gt.com to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

A 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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