

Local council name: Sevenoaks Town Council

Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of public rights

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and
The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. Date of announcement: 16th June 2026 (a) 2. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2026 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to: (b) Linda Larter, Town Clerk Sevenoaks Town Council, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent commencing on (c) 17th June 2026 and ending on (d) 28th July 2026 3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have: - the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and - the right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Authority (f). The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose during the inspection period at 2 above. 4. The auditor's limited assurance review is being conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Audit Office' Code of Audit Practice. Your review is being carried out by: Forvis Mazars LLP, Newcastle Office via 30 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AU Email: local.councils@mazars.co.uk 5. This announcement is made by (e) Georgina Jackson, Responsible Finance Officer	(a) Insert date of placing of this notice on your website. (b) Insert name, position and contact details of the Clerk or other person to whom any person may apply to inspect the accounts. (c) And (d) The inspection period must be 30 working days in total and commence no later than 1 July 2026. (e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice
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What councils need to do to advertise the audit

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 as summarised in the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument No. 234), and subsequent amendments and the Code of Audit Practice require that:

1. The accounts to be audited (the Annual Return) and other documents such as books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them must be made available for inspection by any person interested on reasonable notice, during a period of 30 working days selected by the Parish Council.
2. The notice advertising the inspection period must be published with the accounts and must state:
 - (1) The period of 30 working days during which the Annual Return, and other documents referred to in paragraph 1 above will be available for public inspection;
 - (2) Details of the manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounts and other documents;
 - (3) The name and address of the auditor; and
 - (4) The provisions contained in section 26 (inspection of documents and questions at audit) and section 27 (right to make objections at audit) of the Act

The Parish Council may wish to use the template at attachment 3.2 to advertise the audit.

Please see the link below for the Accounts and Audit Regulations that apply at the date of drafting this guidance. If any amendment is passed that impacts on smaller authorities in 2025/26 we will inform you promptly.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/contents/made>