

**Reading Borough Council**  
**Statement of Accounts 2020/21**

**Public Inspection Notice**

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Revised)

Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) Amendments Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/263)

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The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 9:30 am on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 and will conclude at 4:00pm on Wednesday, 9 November 2022.

The following unaudited documents are made available:

- The Statement of Accounts
- The Narrative Report
- The Annual Governance Statement

The Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement are included within the Statement of Accounts document which can be found on the Council's website here. [Statement of accounts - Reading Borough Council](#)

The Statement of Accounts is draft and is subject to an audit. Until the conclusion of the audit the Statement of Accounts may be subject to change.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Maria Grindley of Ernst & Young LLP, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading RG1 1YE.

From 9:30 am on Wednesday, 28 September 2022 to 4:00pm on Wednesday 9 November 2021:

1. Any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2021, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) by sending a request to the email address given below. They may also request copies of the accounts and documents.

2. At the request of a local government elector, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council.
3. A local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:
  - i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
  - ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Questions may be received by prior arrangement with the auditor, Maria Grindley, Ernst & Young LLP (Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 1YE - Tel. 07769 932 604) to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of that notice must be sent to the Director of Finance, Reading Borough Council, Resources Directorate, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU or e-mail [Darren.Carter@reading.gov.uk](mailto:Darren.Carter@reading.gov.uk)

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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