

**SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**  
**NOTICE OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

The Draft Statement of Accounts and Draft Annual Governance Statement have been published on the Council's website and are available at [Financial documents | solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/financial-documents). The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, from Tuesday 30 June 2026 to Monday 10 August any person may inspect and make copies of the accounting records and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to these records for the year ended 31 March 2026, as stipulated in Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(10) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential or personal information.

The Draft Statement of Accounts, other documents and the Draft Annual Governance Statement will be available for inspection between 9.00am and 4.30pm on weekdays at the Council House, Manor Square, Solihull B91 3QB by prior arrangement. Please telephone 0121 704 6904 or email [corporatecontrol@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:corporatecontrol@solihull.gov.uk) to arrange an appointment.

During the period for the exercise of public rights, which takes place between Tuesday 30 June 2026 to Monday 10 August, a local government elector for the Council's area, or their representative, may have an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Please note section 27 requires that any objection, and the grounds on which it is being made, must be sent to the auditor in writing and copied to the Director of Resources at the address given above or via email to: [andrew.felton@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.felton@solihull.gov.uk)

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/or
- 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.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Avtar Sohar, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG or via email: [avtar.s.sohal@uk.gt.com](mailto:avtar.s.sohal@uk.gt.com)

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>

[signed by A Felton]

Andrew Felton  
Director of Resources  
Date: 29 June 2026