HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

NOTICE ABOUT PUBLICATION OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015:

1 The audited statement of accounts has been published.

2 The published documents consist of:

- the statement of accounts (which includes the narrative statement)
- the local auditor's opinion on the statement of accounts (this item is also contained within the statement of accounts document)
- the annual governance statement

3 These documents are all available to view on the fire authority's website at any time free of charge at: https://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/about/transparency/information-we-publish/?_sft_document_type=accounts

4 Any local government elector on application to the Chief Financial Officer to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (who can be contacted by post at Fire and Police Headquarters, Eastleigh, SO50 9SJ or by email to budget@hants.gov.uk) may by appointment visit Hampshire County Council's main office in Winchester on weekdays (excluding bank holidays) between 10am and 4pm to inspect and make copies of these documents.

5 Paper copies of the documents can be supplied to any local government elector at the elector's request on payment of a reasonable sum for each copy.

6 The audit certificate is not yet available to publish. This is because EY (our auditor) cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until the National Audit Office, as group auditor, has confirmed that no further assurances will be required from EY as component auditors of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority. The audit certificate will be published once received.

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