

BIRSTWITH PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATIONS OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI2015/234)

Date of Announcement 1st June 2026

Each year the smaller authority's body's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by the external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2026, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Mrs Jenni Worsnop – Clerk to Birstwith Parish Council
Beristade Barn
Clapham Green High Birstwith
Harrogate HG3 2JD

Commencing on Monday 8^h June 2026 and
Ending on Friday 17th July 2026

Local Government electors and their representatives also have:

- * The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records and
- * The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority

The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address below for this purpose between the above dates only

The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:

PKF Littlejohn (Ref: SBA Team)
15 Westferry Circus
Canary Wharf London E14 4HD
(sba@pkf-littlejohn.com)

This announcement is made by

Jenni Worsnop (Clerk)