

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

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Notice is hereby given under the above regulations that the unaudited statement of accounts of Merseytravel (which may be subject to change) for the year ended 31 March 2023 are published on this website. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 has not been extended and the statutory deadlines for the production of the unaudited accounts 2022/23 revert to 31 May 2023.

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022, states the publication date for audited accounts is 30 September 2023 for all local authority bodies.

Local authorities must start the public inspection period on or before the first working day of June 2023.

Merseytravel (“Authority”) accounts are subject to external audit by Daniel Watson for and on behalf of Mazars, One St Peters Square Manchester M2 3DE. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 1 June 2023 for a period of 30 working days any person may inspect the accounts, annual governance statement and narrative report of the Authority for the year ended 31 March 2023 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts).
2. A notice of intention to inspect the accounting records and other documents should be given in writing and sent to the Senior Information Management Officer, 1 Mann Island, Liverpool L3 1BP. Email: foi@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk
3. At the request of a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
4. In accordance with Section 26 and 27 of the Act a local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may object to an area of the Authority accounts if it concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report. Written notice of

a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copies to the Authority at the address given below.

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