22 June 2026

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS 2025/26

NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE
OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017
The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of South Downs National Park Authority, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2026, will be available for public inspection as set out below:

1. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:

- Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts, and related documents. For the year ended 31 March 2026, these documents will be available for inspection on reasonable notice, upon application to the person referred to in paragraph 2 below.

Local Government Electors, their representatives, and other interested parties have rights to:

- question the auditor about the accounts; and
- object to the accounts for any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Authority.

The Auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose.

2. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts:

Name:	Craig Garoghan, Chief Finance Officer
Address:	Rm 208, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road Hove, BN3 4AH
Email:	accountancy@brighton-hove.gov.uk

The unaudited Statement of Accounts is available on the authority's website at https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/our-work/key-documents/. A copy of the unaudited accounts can be viewed on application to Final Accounts, Rm 208, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, BN3 4AH.

3. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days:

Commencing on **Wednesday 1st July 2026** and ending on **Tuesday 11 August 2026.**

4. Your appointed Auditor is:

Peter A Barber
Grant Thornton UK LLP (Bristol), 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol, BS2 0EL.

For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication 'Council Accounts - A Guide to Your Rights' are available from the National Audit Office website.