

Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2026

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 and THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 has been published on the Council's website at www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/soa. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given that from 1 July 2026 to 11 August 2026, between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, any person interested may, on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above-named Council for the year ended 31 March 2026 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement; application should initially be made at the Council address below.

NOTICE is given that within the above period the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his/her representative an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts.

NOTICE is given that within the above period any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter in respect of which the auditor could:

- apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and/or
- make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP, Landmark, St Peter's Square, 1 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 4PB, direct dial 0161 953 6900, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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