

Smaller authority name: **CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION
OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE &
ACCOUNTABILITY 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 (SI 2015/234)**

NOTICE

1. Date of announcement: 25th June 2026

2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an 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:

Adam Shanley, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the City of Durham Parish Council.

E:mail: parishclerk@cityofdurham-pc.gov.uk

Address: City of Durham Parish Council. c/o The Enginemen Secretary's Office. The Miners Hall. Flass Street. Durham. DH1 4BE

commencing on Friday 26th June 2026

and ending on Friday 7th August 2026

3. 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 in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.

4. 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:

Mazars LLP
Limited Assurance Team
The Corner
Bank Chambers
26 Mosley Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1DF

local.councils@mazars.co.uk

5. This announcement is made by Adam Shanley, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the City of Durham Parish Council.