

# WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY

## AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

### **The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 1 July 2026 to 11 August 2026 any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Combined Authority for the year ended 31 March 2026, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(10) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential or personal information.

The unaudited accounts and other documents will be available for inspection between 9.00 am to 5.00pm on weekdays at 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham, B19 3SD. Please telephone 0121 214 7508 to make an appointment. The accounts will also be available at <https://www.wmca.org.uk/what-we-do/budget-spending/annual-accounts>

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to Claire Nye, Chief Finance Officer, 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3AG.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Claire Nye  
Chief Finance Officer  
Date: 29 June 2026