



BARNHAM & EASTERGATE 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 (S1 2015/234)

1. Date of Announcement: **Wednesday 17th 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 the 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 and receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31st March 2026 these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

James Roberts, Barnham & Eastergate Parish Council
Barnham Community Hall, Yapton Road, Barnham, West Sussex PO22 0AY
(email: clerk@barnhamandeastergate-pc.gov.uk Tel 07565 053 617)

Commencing on Friday 19th June 2026 and ending on Friday 31st July 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:

Moore Stephens, (Ref SW/cc)
Rutland House, Minerva Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough
PE2 6PZ

5. This announcement is made by James Roberts, Clerk to Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council.