

AUSTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE
& ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY)**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

1. Date of announcement: Monday, 2nd June 2025

2. Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it 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 2025, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

**Mrs Marijke Hill
Clerk and RFO, Austwick Parish Council
4 Penny Green, Settle, BD24 9BT**

commencing on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 and ending on Monday 14th July 2025.

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 only subject to review by the appointed auditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed auditor is:

**PKF Littlejohn LLP, (Ref: SBA team)
1 Westferry Circus
Canary Wharf
London E14 4HD**

(sba@pkf-l.com)

5. This announcement is made by Marijke Hill, RFO for Austwick Parish Council.