



**NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**  
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

**LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014**  
**ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2015**  
**ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024**

The Authority's accounts are subject to external audit by Simon Mathers, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE, United Kingdom.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process; these rights may be exercised in the period 30 May to 10 July 2026 inclusive. These rights can be summarised as:

1. On weekdays (10.00am to 4.00pm) any person may, by prior appointment with the Chief Finance Officer, inspect the accounts of the Authority for the year ended 31 March 2026 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. A local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. A local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may object to the Authority's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or 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). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

**Nigel Stone, Chief Finance Officer**

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**29 May 2026**