

# Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

#### **2017 CHAPTER 25**

### 1 Inspection of accounting records by journalists and citizen journalists

- (1) Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (inspection of documents etc) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) (persons who can inspect accounting records and related documents) after "persons interested" insert " or any journalist".
- (3) After that subsection insert—
  - "(1A) In subsection (1) "journalist" means any person who produces for publication journalistic material (whether paid to do so or otherwise)."

#### 2 Commencement, extent and short title

- (1) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017.