Stevenage Borough Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, regulations 14, 15 and 21:

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Paul Grady, Partner, Azets Audit Services Limited of Ernst & Young LLP of Regis House, 45 King William St. London ES4R 9AN. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

- 1. From 23 September to 1 November inclusive (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays), between 10am and 4pm, any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 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. From 10am on 23 September to 4pm on 1 November, a local government elector for the area of the Council, 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. From 10am on 23 September to 4pm on 1 November, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014)

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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.

20 September 2024

Clare Fletcher, Strategic Director Stevenage Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 1HN