## STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

## **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 and THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website at <a href="www.staffordbc.gov.uk">www.staffordbc.gov.uk</a>. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given that from 17 October 2024 to 27 November 2024, between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm any person interested may inspect, and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2023, and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. Any person wishing to exercise their rights of expression should initially contact the Deputy S151 Officer, email <a href="mailto:emmafullagar@cannockchasedc.gov.uk">emmafullagar@cannockchasedc.gov.uk</a> or telephone 01543 464720.

NOTICE is given that from 17 October 2024 to 27 November 2024 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his representative an opportunity to question him about the accounts.

NOTICE is given from 17 October 2024 to 27 November 2024, any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and he grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG, email <u>avtar.s.sohal@uk.gt.com</u> or telephone 0121 212 4000, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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