London Borough of Harrow

Audit of Accounts 2023-24 – Notice of Public Rights Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

The London Borough of Harrow's accounts are subject to external audit by Forvis Mazars LLP (Suresh Patel, Partner, 30 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AU – e-mail: Suresh.Patel@mazars.co.uk). Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process.

The unaudited statement of accounts (which includes the Annual Governance Statement and Narrative Report) for the year ended 31st March 2024 can be found on the Council's website (www.harrow.gov.uk) from 4th December 2024. The draft statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

From 5th December 2024 to 20th January 2025, any person may inspect the accounts of the London Borough of Harrow for the year ended 31st March 2024 and request certain related documents (comprising accounting records, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records) under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. They may also receive copies of the accounts and documents, although excessive copies will be charged for. Applications should be made initially to purvi.shah@harrow.gov.uk so that arrangements can be made.

From 5th December 2024 to 20th January 2025, a local government elector for the area of the London Borough of Harrow, or his / her representative may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the e-mail address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

From 5th December 2024 to 20th January 2025, a local government elector for the area of the London Borough of Harrow, or his / her representative, may object to the London Borough of Harrow's accounts under Section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under Section 24 and Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 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 the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to me at the address given below.

Sharon Daniels, Strategic Director of Finance (S151 Officer) London Borough of Harrow Dated 4 December 2024