

St Albans City and District Council

Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Notice of appointment of date for exercise of public rights

The Council's unaudited, draft accounts have been published on the Council's website since 14th December 2023.

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/accounts-budgeting-and-spending>

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by BDO (contact details: Leigh Lloyd-Thomas, leigh.lloyd-thomas@bdo.co.uk; alternatively: Audit Quality Advisor/Public Sector Assurance, BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London W1U 7EU).

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process conferred by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ('the Act') and The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (regulations 14, 15 and 17). These regulations have been amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

Accordingly, the following arrangements have been made:

1. From Monday 29th January to Friday 8th March 2024 inclusive, and between 10am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, any person interested, on application to the Section 151 officer, section151@stalbans.gov.uk (or Suzanne Jones, Strategic Director – Customer, Business and Corporate Support/Section 151 Officer, St Albans City & District Council, District Council Offices, Civic Centre, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE), may inspect and purchase copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 and related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts).
2. Any rights of objection, inspection and questioning of the auditor conferred by sections 26 and 27 of the Act may only be exercised during the period of inspection as set out above. A local government elector for the area of the Authority, or his/her representative, may make enquiries of the auditor in writing 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 (under section 27 of the Act) object to the Authority's accounts. Any written notice of objection given under section 27 of the Act must state the following:
 - a) The facts on which the local government elector relies;
 - b) The grounds on which the objection is being made; and
 - c) So far as possible, particulars of -
 - (i) Any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
 - (ii) Any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Act.
4. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given and copied to me (preferably by email).

Suzanne Jones

**Strategic Director – Customer, Business and Corporate Support/Section 151 Officer
St Albans City & District Council**