

**ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022 – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 SECTION 26 and 27
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 PART 5
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2021**

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Leigh Lloyd-Thomas of BDO, Public Sector Assurance, BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London W1U 7EU leigh.lloyd-thomas@bdo.co.uk.

The Public Inspection Period will commence from **Monday 24th July to 4th September 2023 inclusive** (except Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays) between 10am and 4pm.

Members of the public, journalists and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process. During the Inspection Period:

1. Members of the public or any journalist may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2022 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts)
2. Members of the public or any journalist may make copies of all or any part of those records or document
3. Local government electors for the area of the Council, or their representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts.

Certain restrictions are in place however, including protection of commercially sensitive documents and / or documents containing personal information.

During the Inspection Period, local government electors, or their representatives, also have a right to make an objection to the local auditor subject to the following:

1. The objection concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could issue a report in the public interest; or could apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014);
2. The objection is made in writing to the auditor using the contact details below
3. A copy of the objection is sent to the Council using the contact details below.

To make arrangements to inspect the accounts for the Council for the year ended 31st March 2022 please contact Suzanne Jones at the Council (details below). As the Council Officers are hybrid working, advance notice of visits would be helpful, to ensure that there are sufficient resources on site to respond to requests.

To make arrangements to ask the auditor questions about the accounts, please contact the auditor (details below) directly.

Dated: 17th July 2023

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