**HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 March 2024**

**LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014**

**THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015**

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 9 am on Tuesday 25 June and will conclude at 4 pm on Monday 8 July 2024.

The unaudited accounts are available on the Council’s website on 24 June 2024 at <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/HDCaccounts>

The Statement of Accounts, Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement are draft and are subject to audit. Until the conclusion of the audit the Statement of Accounts may be subject to change.

The Council’s accounts are subject to external audit by Helen Lillington for and on behalf of Grant Thornton LLP, 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3AG.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process during the public inspection period detailed above:

1. 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, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. The accounts and other documents will be available at the address shown below.
2. 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. 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 replies and the 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.

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