## **Harrow Council**

## Audit of Accounts 2020-21 – Notice of Public Rights Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and the Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

The London Borough of Harrow's accounts are subject to external audit by Mazars LLP (Lucy Nutley, Director Public Services Audit, Tower Bridge House, St Katherine's Way, London, E1W 1DD – e-mail: <a href="mailto:Lucy.Nutley@mazars.co.uk">Lucy.Nutley@mazars.co.uk</a>). 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 Narration Report) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 can be found on the Council's website (<a href="www.harrow.gov.uk">www.harrow.gov.uk</a>) from 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, any person may inspect the accounts of the London Borough of Harrow for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 at the address given below. They may also receive copies of the accounts and documents, although excessive copies will be charged for, and an appointment may be required. Applications should be made initially at the e-mail address: <a href="mailto:paul.gower@harrow.gov.uk">paul.gower@harrow.gov.uk</a> so that arrangements can be made.

Due to the restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic all requests received initially will be dealt with electronically. As government advice changes the situation will be reviewed and the Council will amend this process as necessary.

From 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 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.

Dawn Calvert, CPFA – Director of Finance London Borough of Harrow Civic Centre, Station Road Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2XY

Dated 5th July 2021