TRAFFORD COUNCIL Inspection of accounts ("notice of public rights")

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 that from 17th July 2020 to 27th August 2020 between 8.30am and 4.30pm on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2020 as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Some documents containing personal or commercially-privileged information may not be available for inspection.

The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 OTH by prior arrangement. Please telephone 0161 912 4534 to make arrangements to inspect the accounts and documents.

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to me at the address given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and 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 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Karen Murray, Mazars, One St. Peter's Square, Manchester M2 3DE

A guide to your rights can be found at <u>https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/</u>

Date 04/06/2020

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