Babergh District Council Audit of Accounts

AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT) Regulations 2020

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Notice is hereby given that the unaudited accounts of the Babergh District Council Audit of Accounts, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024, will be available for public inspection as set out below. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

1. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:

- Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2024, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 2 below.
- Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to:
 - Question the auditor about the accounts; and
 - Object to the accounts for any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Council.

The Auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose.

2. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts:

Name: Melissa Evans

Position: Director – Finance & Procurement and S151 Officer

Address: Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

Telephone: 01473 296320

3. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised within a single period of:

Commencing on: Tuesday 07 January 2025 (10am-4pm)

Ending on: Monday 17 February 2025 (10am-4pm)

4. Your appointed auditor(s) is: Mr. Mark Hodgson

Address: Ernst & Young LLP, One Cambridge

Square, Cambridge, CB4 0AE

Email: <u>mhodgson@uk.ey.com</u>

For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication 'Council Accounts- A Guide to Your Rights' is available from the National Audit Office Website.