METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF KNOWSLEY

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

**Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

The Council’s accounts are subject to external audit by John Farrar, Grant Thornton UK LLP, Royal Liver Building, Liverpool, L3 1PS. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

From 1 July 2024 to 9 August 2024 between 9 am and 5 pm any person may inspect the annual governance statement and accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents, 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.

From 9 am on 1 July 2024 until 5pm on 9 August 2024, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts as set out in Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Please contact the auditor at the address given above, c/o Mr J Farrar, to make arrangements to ask any questions.

From 9 am on 1 July 2024 until 5pm on 9 August 2024, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council’s accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest as set out in Section 27 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 a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

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24 May 2024