

## Audit of accounts year ended 31 March 2018

The following sets out your rights under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, sections 25 - 27 (as saved for the purposes of the 2017/18 audit of accounts) and the Accounts and Audit (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 Regulations 14, 15, 16, & 17.

Our accounts are subject to external audit by Sarah L Ironmonger, Grant Thornton UK LLP, Fleming Way, Manor Royal, Crawley, RH10 9GT. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018, between 9.30am and 4.30pm (excluding weekends), any person may inspect our accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 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.

During this period 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.

Any local government elector may raise an objection to the accounts where the auditor is asked to issue a report in the public interest (under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 17 of the Audit Commission Act 1998). 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.

If you wish to inspect the accounts or any documents, please call Fiona Jump in the first instance on 01442-228162 to make an arrangement for inspection and discuss any specific requirements.

**James Deane, Corporate Director (Finance and Operations)**

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