ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 and ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

NOTICE is given that for a period of 30 working days between Monday 30th June 2025 and Friday 8th August 2025 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday, any person interested may on reasonable notice request access to all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, 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. Application should be made initially at the email address accounts@kingston.gov.uk stating the documents to be accessed.

NOTICE is given that from Monday 30th June 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025 under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2024, the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, by prior arrangement, will give the elector or their representative an opportunity to question the auditor in relation to the accounts.

NOTICE is given that from Monday 30th June 2025 to Friday 8th August 2025 any elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the email address below.

NOTICE is given that the Council's auditor is **Joanne Lees**, **KPMG LLP**, **15 Canada Square**, **London E14 5GL. Email:** <u>Joanne.Lees@kpmg.co.uk</u>, to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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