Thanet District Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, section 24 schedule 7 and sections 25 - 28

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Regulations 9, 10, 14, 15, and 21

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Darren Wells, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 2nd Floor, St John's House, Haslett Avenue West, Crawley, RH10 1HS. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019 between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm each weekday any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2019 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. A notice of an intention to inspect should be submitted to me at the address below.

In addition, there will be evening sessions on 2, 3 and 8 July 2019 at Thanet District Council offices, Cecil Street, Margate at 6:30pm and 7:30pm. These will be led by the Finance Team at which you will be given the chance to view the accounts and ask any questions. In order to attend you must confirm in advance. To secure a place please sign up here.

- 2. From 10am on 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019 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.
- 3. From 10am on 3 June 2019 to 12 July 2019 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 (under 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 must state the grounds on which it is made and particulars of any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report (section 24, paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). Objections should be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated: 16 May 2019

Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services (Deputy S151 Officer), Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ