SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 3 June 2024 to 12 July 2024 between 10 am and 4pm (Monday to Friday), any person interested may on reasonable notice request and inspect digital copies of the accounts and books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2024 as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. The accounts are available via the Council's website: www.swindon.gov.uk

During this period, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to me at the address below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol, BS2 OEL, for attention of Peter Barber, Engagement Lead.

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Date: 31 May 2024

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