

## Public Accounts Inspection Notice

### **Stevenage Borough Council**

### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2026**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to Section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, regulations 14, 15 and 21 the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 has been published on the council's website.

From 1 July to 11 August 2026, the accounting records and related documents of the council for the year ended 31 March 2026 will be available for inspection in exercise of the rights of interested persons and journalists under section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The public rights are as follows:

- to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records, and
- to make copies of all or any part of those records or documents. Note that section 26 contains prohibitions on inspecting any part of a record or document containing information that is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality or that contains personal information.

The council's accounts are subject to external audit by Paul Grady, Partner, Azets Audit Services Limited of Regis House, 45 King William St. London ES4R 9AN.

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During the inspection period, local electors have the following rights under the 2014 Act:

- to be given the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records (or have a representative do so for you) (section 26 of the 2014 Act), and
- to make an objection to the auditor which concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report or could apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful (section 27 of the 2014 Act).

Note that section 27 requires written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is being made to be sent to the auditor and copied to me at the address given below. Written notices must comply with the requirements of regulation 17 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Clare Fletcher, Strategic Director  
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