POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT AND THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

AUDITS OF THE GROUP ACCOUNTS OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE FOR HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT 2023/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Regulations 14 and 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015:

- 1. From 1 June to 12 July 2024 inclusive, any local government elector or any journalist on application to the Chief Finance Officer to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner), who can be contacted by post at Police & Fire HQ, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 9SJ or by email to opcc@hampshire.police.uk, may inspect the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and may inspect and make copies of all or any books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records. Inspection may take place by appointment at the Police and Fire HQ in Eastleigh on weekdays between 10am and 4pm.
- 2. From 1 June to 12 July 2024 inclusive, the Auditor, at the request of any local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate, will give the elector (or their representative) an opportunity to question them about the accounts, and any such elector (or their representative) may contact the Auditor and make objections as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (namely, the declaration that an item of account is unlawful), or could make a report in the public interest under Schedule 7 of the 2014 Act.
- 3. No objection may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection stating the facts on which the local government elector relies, the grounds upon which the objection is being made and particulars of any such objection. Such notice should be addressed to Kevin Suter, Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE (ksuter@uk.ey.com). Copies of such notices must also be sent to the Chief Finance Officer, Police & Fire HQ, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 9SJ (opcc@hampshire.police.uk).

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