MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015,

Regulations 9 and 15 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Sections 25, 26 and 27 The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts, including the narrative statement and annual governance statement (AGS), for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been published on the Council's website.

The statement of accounts are subject to audit by the Auditor Mr Suresh Patel at Mazars LLP, 1 St Peters Square, Manchester M2 3DE (telephone 07977 261873) and may be subject to change.

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 10am on 15 August 2023 and will conclude at 4pm on 25 September 2023.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

- (1) From Tuesday 15 August 2023 to Monday 25 September 2023 between 10am and 4pm, any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2023 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at Level 5, Town Hall Extension, Albert Square, Manchester, M60 2LA, telephone 0161 234 3472, 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. They may also make copies of the accounts, narrative statement, Annual Governance Statement and documents.
- (2) From 10am on 15 August to 4pm on 25 September at the request of a local government elector the local auditor must give the elector or any representative of the elector an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council.
- (3) From 10am on 15 August until 4pm 25 September a local government elector for the area of the Council or his / her representative may object to the Council's accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- a) 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
- b) 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.

14 August 2023 Carol Culley Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester M60 2LA