STOCKPORT METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
NOTICE 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 2022 has been published on the Council's website.

The statement of accounts are subject to audit by Auditor Ms Karen Murray at Mazars LLP, One St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 3DE (telephone 0161 238 9248) and may be subject to change.

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 10am on Monday 27 June and will conclude at 4pm on Friday 5 August 2022.

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

(1) From Monday 27 June 2022 to Friday 5 August 2022 between 10.00am and 4.00 pm, any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2022 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) on request from Michael Cullen, Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer), Fred Perry House, Edward Street, Stockport SK1 3UR, telephone 0161 474 4631, 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, AGS and documents.

(2) From 10am on Monday 27 June to 4pm on Friday 5 August 2022 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 Monday 27 June to 4pm on Friday 5 August 2022 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 also given above. 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.

23 June 2022

Michael Cullen
Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)