



AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st **MARCH 2017**

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit. This audit is being carried out by Debbie Hanson, Audit Director, Ernst & Young LLP, 400 Capability Green, Luton, Beds, LU1 3LU and will be conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Sections 26 and 27 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI No. 234) Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process.

For the year ending 31st March 2017 any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. These documents will be available on application to the Director of Financial Services, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1JE between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm commencing Monday, 12th June, 2017 and ending on Friday, 21st July, 2017.

During this period, local government electors for the area of the Council or their representatives may:-

- a) ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make any arrangements to ask any questions.
- b) object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

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26th May 2017