

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23**

**Notice of Appointment of Date for Exercise of Public Rights**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 regulations 14 and 15, and the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022:

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Andrew Brittain, Ernst & Young LLP, R+, 2 Blagrove Street, Reading, RG1 1AZ. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 5 September 2023 to 17 October 2023 inclusive and between 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday, any person interested, on application to Richard Baker, Executive Director (Finance and Transformation), [r.baker@welhat.gov.uk](mailto:r.baker@welhat.gov.uk), may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the above named Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to them.
2. From 5 September 2023 to 17 October 2023 inclusive and between 10.00am to 4.00pm, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From 9:00am on 5 September 2023 to 5:00pm on 17 October 2023 inclusive, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 27 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law (under section 28 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). 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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