## FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL Statement of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2023 Exercise of Public Rights

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015 Accounts & Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

- 1. NOTICE is given that from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 the accounts of Fenland District Council, for the year ended 31 March 2023, will be available on the Council's website for inspection.
- The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Mark Hodgson, for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, One Cambridge Business Park, Cowley Road, Cambridge CB4 0WZ
- **3.** During the period **12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024** members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:
  - a. Any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 and certain related documents;
  - b. A local government elector for the area of the Council, or their representative, may ask the local auditor questions about the accounts;
  - c. A local government elector for the area of the Council, or their representative, may make an objection to the Council's accounts which concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report, and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 27 of the 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 the Council.
- **4.** Any person exercising the rights set out above requiring contact with the Council is invited to email in the first instance and contact the Chief Accountant using the following email address: **msaunders@fenland.gov.uk**.

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8<sup>th</sup> December 2023