#### SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014: Sections 26 and 27**

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Regulations 14, 15 (1), 15 (2)**

The Council’s draft accounts and financial statements for audit will be available on the Council’s web-site from **8th September 2022**  [draft statement of accounts 2021-22](https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/about-us/financial-information/draft-statement-of-accounts-2021-22)

The Council’s accounts are subject to external audit by **Ernst and Young LLP of 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6HQ.** Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process and these are set out below:

1. From **22nd November 2023 to 10th January 2024** on weekdays between 8.45am and 5pm (4.30pm on Fridays) any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2022 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.
2. During this period, 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 (**Hayley Clark**, **Partner**) at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. In addition, during this period, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council’s accounts. Any objection should be in writing to the Auditor, with a copy to me at the address below. The objection must state:
4. The facts on which the local government elector relies.
5. The grounds on which the objection is being made.
6. So far as is possible particulars of :
* Any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law, and
* 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 Act.

Chief Executive

South Derbyshire District Council

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**Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 0AH**