

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

AUDIT COMMISSION ACT 1998

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2003

NOTICE is given that from 6 July 2009 to 31 July 2009 inclusive, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. any person interested may inspect and make copies of the accounts of St.Helens Council for the year ended 31 March 2009 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially to the Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, St.Helens (Telephone 01744 456009 - Direct Line).

NOTICE is also given that on or after 3 August 2009 until the completion of the audit, local government electors for the area to which the accounts relate, may exercise their rights to question the District Auditor about or make objections as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under the relevant Sections of the Audit Commission Act 1998 (namely, an unlawful item of account, failure to bring a sum into account, or a loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct), or could make a report in the public interest under Section 8 of that Act.

Questions may be received at the Town Hall, St.Helens, by arrangement with the District Auditor, Mike Thomas, Audit Commission, The Heath Business and Technical Park, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 4QF, (Telephone No. 0844 798 7043) to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the District Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of this Notice must be sent to the Chief Executive of the St.Helens Council, Town Hall, St.Helens.

Carole Hudson, Chief Executive, Town Hall, St.Helens