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EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE OF THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024

Notice is hereby given that the accounts of East Sussex Fire Authority, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2025, will be available for public inspection as set out below:

- 1. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide:
- Any persons interested or any journalist may inspect the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts etc. relating to them. They may also make copies of all or any part of those records or documents.
- We will endeavour to supply all information electronically for inspection. Should a
 person not be able to access documents electronically, provision will be made for
 inspection at East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Church Lane,
 Lewes by prior arrangement. They may also receive copies of the accounts and
 documents, although multiple copies will be charged for and an appointment may
 be required.
- Local Government Electors for the area may also question the Auditor about the accounts and make an objection to the Auditor. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Authority.

The Auditor can be contacted at the address in section 4 below for this purpose.

2. Person to whom you can apply in writing to inspect the accounts:

Duncan Savage, Treasurer East Sussex Fire Authority, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters Church Lane Lewes East Sussex BN7 2DZ

Email: <u>duncan.savage@esfrs.org</u>

3. Any rights of inspection, objection and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised between 9am and 4.30pm within a single period of 30 working days:

Commencing on Tuesday 1 July, and ending on Monday 11 August 2025.

4. The appointed Auditor is

Elizabeth Jackson, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP 400 Capability Green Luton LU1 3LU

Email: <u>Elizabeth.Jackson@uk.ey.com</u>