LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 March 2020 – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been published on 24 August 2020 on the Council's website at <u>https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/about-hammersmith-fulham-council/statement-accounts</u>. The status of the statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

The Council's accounts for 2019/20 are subject to external audit by Paul Dossett, Partner, Public Services, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY – email <u>paul.dossett@uk.gt.com</u>.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (the Regulations), any person interested or any journalist and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process as follows:

1. From 25 August 2020 to 6 October 2020 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, under section 26 of the Local Authority and Accountability Act 2014, any persons interested or any journalist may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) by application to the Director of Finance at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

2. From 10.00am on 25 August 2020 until 6 October 2020, under section 26 of the Local Authority and Accountability Act 2014, 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 10.00am on 25 August 2020 until 6 October 2020, under section 27 of the Local Authority and Accountability Act 2014, 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 and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law. 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.

Emily Hill Director of Finance London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Hammersmith Town Hall London W6 9JU

24 August 2020