HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL DRAFT UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – PUBLIC INSPECTION NOTICE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2015 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2021

Notice is hereby given that the period of inspection will commence on the 30th June 2025 to 11th August 2025 inclusive.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Simon Mathers, for and on behalf of Ernst and Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Hampshire, Southampton, SO15 2BE (email: smathers@uk.ey.com).

Members of the Public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. Any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2025, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, and receipts) at the address given below during normal office hours Monday to Friday. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

2. 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. A local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful (under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Council at the address given below.

4. A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at <u>https://www.nao.org.uk/codeauditpractice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/</u>

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