GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

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Notice of the Conclusion of the Audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Financial Year Ended 31st March 2025

Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

1. In accordance with Regulation 13 and 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, notice is hereby given that the audit of the Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2025 has been concluded and the audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return has now been published.

2. Section 25 of The Local Audit and Accountability Act sets out the following rights of local government electors in relation to the inspection of the statement of accounts and auditors' report of local authorities:-

   A local government elector for the area of a body subject to audit, other than a health service body, may inspect and make copies of:-

   - *the statement of accounts prepared by the Council;*
   - *the local auditor's certificate that the audit of the Council's accounts, including that statement, has been completed;*
   - *the local auditor's opinion on the accounts;*
   - *any public interest report relating to the authority or an entity connected with it;*
   - *any recommendation relating to the authority or an entity connected with it.*

3. The audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the parish of Great Aycliffe.

4. Any elector wishing to inspect the Annual Governance and Accountability Return should contact the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mrs Tracey Woodhead, by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at Tracey.Woodhead@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

5. A copy of the audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been made available for inspection on the Finance Section of the Council's website at *www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk*.

6. Copies will also be provided to any local government elector on payment of £1 for each copy of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Announcement made by: Mrs Tracey Woodhead C.P.F.A, Finance Manager

Date of announcement: 10th September 2025