WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended)

Members of the public are afforded various rights as part of the annual audit process. For the 2024/25 financial statements, including the financial statements of the West Sussex Pension Fund, these rights may only be exercised in the period 1 July 2025 to 11 August 2025. These rights can be summarised as follows:

- (1) Any interested person may inspect and copy the accounting records for the financial year and all related books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents of this body
- (2) An elector for the area of West Sussex County Council may question the auditor about the 2024/25 accounts
- (3) An elector for the area of West Sussex County Council may make an objection on any matter in respect of which the auditor could take action under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Notice of an intention to inspect accounting records and other documents should be given to Vicky Chuter, Financial Reporting Manager, West Sussex County Council via email (<u>financial.control@westsussex.gov.uk</u>).

Questions and/or objections should be directed to the appointed auditor, Kevin Suter of Ernst & Young LLP, via email (<u>ksuter@uk.ey.com</u>). A copy of any objection should also be sent to Vicky Chuter, Financial Reporting Manager, West Sussex County Council.

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