DECLARATION BY THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Please note that the published Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24, specifically **Section 1** – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 – and **Section 2** – Accounting Statements 2023/24 – is **UNAUDITED**. It has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, Moore, and is subject to change as a result of that review.

If an elector has a question about or wants to challenge any item on the accounts, please refer in the first instance to the National Audit Office (NAO) publication – <u>Local Authority Accounts: A guide to your rights https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wpcontent/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf</u>

Declaration made by **Andrew Sturgeon Responsible Financial Officer**

27 June 2024