Notice of rights of inspection in relation to the statement of accounts of South Tees Development Corporation Group for the financial year ended 31 March 2023

Rights to inspect the statement of accounts and accounting records
Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide local government electors with the right to inspect and make copies of the statement of accounts, accounting records and all documents relating to those records, for the financial year ended 31 March 2023. The Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017 extends those rights to include journalists and citizen journalists.

These rights may be exercised from 10 August 2023 and 18 September 2023 between the hours of 10am and 4pm at Tees Valley Combined Authority, Teesside International Airport Business Suite, Teesside International Airport Darlington, DL2 1NJ, by informing Victoria Smith of your intention to exercise your rights. Victoria Smith can be contacted by email at victoria.smith@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

Rights to question the auditor and to make objections at audit
Under section 26 of the Act, a local government elector may question the auditor about the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 and, under section 27 of the Act, a local government elector may make an objection to the auditor which:
- concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of the Act; or
- concerns an item of account in respect of which the auditor could apply for a declaration that the item is unlawful under section 28 of the Act.

These rights may be exercised from 10 August 2023 and 18 September 2023. Any requests to question the auditor and any objections must be made in writing to the auditor to the following address:

Mazars LLP
The Corner
Bank Chambers
26 Mosley Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1DF

A copy of any objection must also be sent to the Council at the address set out above.