BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2022/2023

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE DOCUMENTS THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO PUBLISH, BOTH ON ITS NOTICEBOARD AND WEBSITE, TO FULFIL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGAR.

Documents

- 1. Notice of Public Rights and Publication of AGAR
- 2. Local Authority Accounts: A Summary of Your Rights
- 3. Annual Governance Statement Section 1 of AGAR
- 4. Accounting Statement Section 2 of AGAR
- 5. Statement of Accounts including Bank Reconciliation (Also known as Receipts and Payments Account Summary)
- 6. Explanation of Significant Variances between 2021/22 and 2022/23
- 7. Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23

PLEASE NOTE

AT THIS POINT IN THE PROCESS, THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS ARE UNAUDITED AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY PKF LITTLEJOHN, THE APPOINTED EXTERNAL AUDITOR

WHAT SMALLER AUTHORITIES NEED TO DO TO ADVERTISE THE PERIOD DURING WHICH ELECTORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS MAY EXERCISE RIGHTS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The <u>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</u> and the <u>Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015</u> require that:

- 1) The accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested, during a period of 30 working days set by the smaller authority and including the first 10 working days of July.
- 2) The period referred to in paragraph (1) starts with the day on which the period for the exercise of public rights is treated as having been commenced i.e. the day following the day on which all of the obligations in paragraph (3) below have been fulfilled.
- 3) The responsible financial officer for a relevant authority must, on behalf of that authority, publish (which must include publication on the authority's website):
 - a) the Accounting Statements (i.e. Section 2 of either Form 2 or 3, whichever is relevant, of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)), accompanied by:
 - a declaration, signed by that officer to the effect that the status of the Accounting Statements are unaudited and that the Accounting Statements as published may be subject to change;
 - ii) the Annual Governance Statement (i.e. Section 1 of either Form 2 or Form 3, whichever is relevant, of the AGAR); and
 - b) a statement that sets out
 - i) the period for the exercise of public rights;
 - ii) details of the manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting records and other documents;
 - iii) the name and address of the local auditor;
 - iv) the provisions contained in section 26 (inspection of documents etc.) and section 27 (right to make objections at audit) of the Act, as they have effect in relation to the authority in question;

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

- 1) You will meet statutory requirements if you fully and accurately complete the notice of public rights pro forma in this document, and
- 2) Publish (including publication on the smaller authority's website) the following documents, the day before the public rights period commences:
 - a) the approved Sections 1 and 2 of either Form 2 or 3, whichever is relevant to your smaller authority, of the AGAR; and
 - b) the completed Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return. Please note that we have pre-completed it with the following suggested dates: Monday 5 June Friday 14 July 2023. (The latest possible dates that comply with the statutory requirements are Monday 3 July –Friday 11 August 2023); and
 - c) the notes which accompany the Notice (Local authority accounts: a summary of your rights).

Smaller authority name:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement FRIDAY, 2 nd JUNE 2023 (a)	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before
2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2023, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:	the date in (c) below
(b) ALISON HANNATH, CLERK and RFO, BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL bigbyclerk@outlook.com or 07981372889	(b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts
commencing on (c)Monday 5 June 2023 and ending on (d)Friday 14 July 2023	(c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days
	before the date appointed in (d) below (d) The inspection period between (c)
3. Local government electors and their representatives also have: The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and	and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July.
The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.	
The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.	
4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:	
PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD (sba@pkf-l.com)	
5. This announcement is made by (e) ALISON HANNATH, CLERK and RFO, BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL	(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS: A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS

Please note that this summary applies to all relevant smaller authorities, including local councils, internal drainage boards and 'other' smaller authorities.

The basic position

The <u>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</u> (the Act) governs the work of auditors appointed to smaller authorities. This summary explains the provisions contained in Sections 26 and 27 of the Act. The Act and the <u>Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015</u> also cover the duties, responsibilities and rights of smaller authorities, other organisations and the public concerning the accounts being audited.

As a local elector, or an interested person, you have certain legal rights in respect of the accounting records of smaller authorities. As an interested person you can inspect accounting records and related documents. If you are a local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate you can also ask questions about the accounts and object to them. You do not have to pay directly for exercising your rights. However, any resulting costs incurred by the smaller authority form part of its running costs. Therefore, indirectly, local residents pay for the cost of you exercising your rights through their council tax.

The right to inspect the accounting records

Any interested person can inspect the accounting records, which includes but is not limited to local electors. You can inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records. You can copy all, or part, of these records or documents. Your inspection must be about the accounts, or relate to an item in the accounts. You cannot, for example, inspect or copy documents unrelated to the accounts, or that include personal information (Section 26 (6) - (10) of the Act explains what is meant by personal information). You cannot inspect information which is protected by commercial confidentiality. This is information which would prejudice commercial confidentiality if it was released to the public and there is not, set against this, a very strong reason in the public interest why it should nevertheless be disclosed.

When smaller authorities have finished preparing accounts for the financial year and approved them, they must publish them (including on a website). There must be a 30 working day period, called the 'period for the exercise of public rights', during which you can exercise your statutory right to inspect the accounting records. Smaller authorities must tell the public, including advertising this on their website, that the accounting records and related documents are available to inspect. By arrangement you will then have 30 working days to inspect and make copies of the accounting records. You may have to pay a copying charge. The 30 working day period must include a common period of inspection during which all smaller authorities' accounting records are available to inspect. This will be 3-14 July 2023 for 2022/23 accounts. The advertisement must set out the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights, how you can communicate to the smaller authority that you wish to inspect the accounting records and related documents, the name and address of the auditor, and the relevant legislation that governs the inspection of accounts and objections.

The right to ask the auditor questions about the accounting records

You should first ask your smaller authority about the accounting records, since they hold all the details. If you are a local elector, your right to ask questions of the external auditor is enshrined in law. However, while the auditor will answer your questions where possible, they are not always obliged to do so. For example, the question might be better answered by another organisation, require investigation beyond the auditor's remit, or involve disproportionate cost (which is borne by the local taxpayer). Give your smaller authority the opportunity first to explain anything in the accounting records that you are unsure about. If you are not satisfied with their explanation, you can question the external auditor about the accounting records.

The law limits the time available for you formally to ask questions. This must be done in the period for the exercise of public rights, so let the external auditor know your concern as soon as possible. The advertisement or notice that tells you the accounting records are available to inspect will also give the period for the exercise of public rights during which you may ask the auditor questions, which here

means formally asking questions under the Act. You can ask someone to represent you when asking the external auditor questions.

Before you ask the external auditor any questions, inspect the accounting records fully, so you know what they contain. Please remember that you cannot formally ask questions, under the Act, after the end of the period for the exercise of public rights. You may ask your smaller authority other questions about their accounts for any year, at any time. But these are not questions under the Act.

You can ask the external auditor questions about an item in the accounting records for the financial year being audited. However, your right to ask the external auditor questions is limited. The external auditor can only answer 'what' questions, not 'why' questions. The external auditor cannot answer questions about policies, finances, procedures or anything else unless it is directly relevant to an item in the accounting records. Remember that your questions must always be about facts, not opinions. To avoid misunderstanding, we recommend that you always put your questions in writing.

The right to make objections at audit

You have inspected the accounting records and asked your questions of the smaller authority. Now you may wish to object to the accounts on the basis that an item in them is in your view unlawful or there are matters of wider concern arising from the smaller authority's finances. A local government elector can ask the external auditor to apply to the High Court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, or to issue a report on matters which are in the public interest. You must tell the external auditor which specific item in the accounts you object to and why you think the item is unlawful, or why you think that a public interest report should be made about it. You must provide the external auditor with the evidence you have to support your objection. Disagreeing with income or spending does not make it unlawful. To object to the accounts you must write to the external auditor stating you want to make an objection, including the information and evidence below and you must send a copy to the smaller authority. The notice must include:

- confirmation that you are an elector in the smaller authority's area;
- why you are objecting to the accounts and the facts on which you rely;
- details of any item in the accounts that you think is unlawful; and
- details of any matter about which you think the external auditor should make a public interest report.

Other than it must be in writing, there is no set format for objecting. You can only ask the external auditor to act within the powers available under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

A final word

You may not use this 'right to object' to make a personal complaint or claim against your smaller authority. You should take such complaints to your local Citizens' Advice Bureau, local Law Centre or to your solicitor. Smaller authorities, and so local taxpayers, meet the costs of dealing with questions and objections. In deciding whether to take your objection forward, one of a series of factors the auditor must take into account is the cost that will be involved, they will only continue with the objection if it is in the public interest to do so. They may also decide not to consider an objection if they think that it is frivolous or vexatious, or if it repeats an objection already considered. If you appeal to the courts against an auditor's decision not to apply to the courts for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, you will have to pay for the action yourself.

For more detailed guidance on public rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication <u>Local authority accounts: A guide to your rights</u> are available from the NAO website.

If you wish to contact your authority's appointed external auditor please write to the address in paragraph 4 of the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, that:

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	Yes	No*	'Yes' m	eans that this authority:	
We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	1		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.		
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.				roper arrangements and accepted responsibility guarding the public money and resources in ge.	
We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	/		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.		
We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	/		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.		
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	/		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.		
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	/		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.		
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	/		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.		
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	/		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.		
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:	ed at a Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting when approval was given:	
16/05/2023		
and recorded as minute reference:	Chairman	REDACTED
MINUTE 14 (a)	Clerk	***************************************
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	Year e	ending	Notes and guidance			
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.			
Balances brought forward	14189/	11288 -	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.			
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	6400-	6400-	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.			
3. (+) Total other receipts	502-	49216	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.			
4. (-) Staff costs	3083	2565	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.			
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0 -	0 /	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).			
6. (-) All other payments	6719	47652	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).			
7. (=) Balances carried forward	11288	16687-	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).			
Total value of cash and short term investments	11288	16687	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.			
Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	9844	10802-	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.			

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			27. 4.	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	/			The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

REDACTED

Date

10. Total borrowings

09/05/2023

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

from third parties (including PWLB).

16/05/2023.

The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE

14(4)

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

REDACTED

BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL Fiscal Year 01.04.23 - 31.03.24 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 10.5.2023

BALANCE FORWARD 01.04.2022

General Account

16,687.36

TOTAL

16,687.36

INCOME

Precept

6,400.00

Council Tax Support Grant Donations

Charibonds

HMRC VAT Refund

100.00

Interest LCC Grass Maintenance

NCC_Solar Energy Project

6,500.00

INCOME TO DATE EXPENDITURE

GENERAL

3,181.33 215.00

EXPENDITURE BALANCED TO BANK

3,396.33

BALANCE

19,791.03

Represented by: Current Account

4,124.87

BMM Savings Account Imprest

15,616.16 50.00

Sub Total

19,791.03

Less -cheques not presented

0.00 19,791.03

Prepared by :-

REDACTED

Date 16 5 2023

AJ Hannath, Clerk & RFO

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(Cham)

Approved & Verified to Bank Statements:-

Chairman

Tuesday, XF May 2023

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BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL Receipts & Payments Account 1st April 2022- 31st March 2023

2022	RECEIPTS	General	
		Account	4:55
0.400.00	Decemb	C 400 00	difference 0.00
6,400.00	The second secon	6,400.00 100.00	0.00
	Coucil Tax Support Grant	0.53	0.00
0.47	Charibonds		
045.07	Donations	1,858.00	1,858.00
	HMRC VAT Refund	7,581.63	7,336.56
	Interest	58.78	57.46
154.94	LCC Grass Maintenance	160.75	5.81
	Solar Energy Project Funding	39,456.00	39,456.00
6,901.80	Total	55,615.69	48,713.89
0,000,000			10,00
	PAYMENTS		
			difference
382.00	Audit Fees	410.00	28.00
65.00	Computer Maintenance/Copier	0.00	-65.00
	Coronation celebrations	59.24	59.24
	Defibrillator Maintenance	0.00	-110.00
	Donation to Village Hall	1,500.00	1,500.00
325.00	Donations/S137	300.00	-25.00
	Elections	0.00	0.00
	Equipment purchase /repair	570.51	17.53
365.62	General Administration(include Insurance,postage,audit)	428.43	62.81
674.16	Grass Maintenance	869.67	195.51
0.00	General Maintenance eg.Gritting/Salt bins/Speed Indicator/	0.00	0.00
212.88	Insurance	229.80	16.92
265.47	LALC/SLCC/ICO Membership	266.82	1.35
235.82	Newsletter	258.70	22.88
	Noticeboards - deposit	775.00	775.00
0.00	PAYE/NI	87.80	87.80
168.00	Payroll Admin	197.71	29.71
	Planters including plants and green canopy -Jubilee	837.20	837.20
0.00	Refreshments	11.04	11.04
2,098.18	Road Signage / repairs	108.40	-1,989.78
	Solar Energy Project	33156.48	33,156.48
0.00	Speed Indicating Device including mounting/taking down	0.00	0.00
78.30	Training/Mileage - staff	59.63	-18.67
0.00	Training - new councillors	0.00	0.00
865.98	VAT	7,388.28	6,522.30
3,082.92	Wages	2,476.78	-606.14
320.00	Waste bins	0.00	-320.00
0.00	Website support	225.00	225.00
9802.31	Total	50,216.49	40,414.18
14,188.67	General Fund B/Fwd at 1st April 2022	11,288.16	
-2,900.51	Net income/expenditure for year	5,399.20	
		40.007.00	
11,288.16	Fund Bal at 31st March 2023	16,687.36	

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Chairman of Bigby Parish Council Council Meeting 16th May 2023

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Mrs. AJ Hannath Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

BIGBY PARISH COUNCIL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

681.31 Current Account 10,556.85 Deposit Account 50.00 Petty cash Less - cheques not presented 1,021.20 15,616.16 50.00

11,288.16

Council Meeting 16th May 2023

16,687.36

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Mrs. AJ Hannath Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Consisiting of :-

4000.00 Earmarked reserves for Village Hall large maintenance work 1989.43 Community Infrastruture Levy Payment - spending to be determined 4398.39 General Funds to carry forward

6,299.62 Solar Energy Project - It is not envisioned that the project will require further funding, as the next steps in the project will need to be funded by the landowner.

16687.34

Table of significant variences for 2022/23 Explanation for variences above the threshold of 15%

BOX	,	2023	2022	Difference	% Difference	Explanation
1		11288	14189	-2901.00	-20.4	
2	Precept	6400.00	6400.00	0.00	0.0	
3	Other receipts	49216.00	502.00	48714.00	9704.0	see below
4	Staff Costs	2656.00	3083.00	-427.00	-13.9	
5	Loans	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	
6	Other payments	47652.00	6719.00	40933.00	609.2	see below

GENERAL COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES

The main source of the significant variances for both receipts and payments was the grant awarded to the Parish Council for the Bigby Solar Energy Project. Further details are given below.

RECEIPTS

- 1 The Parish Council received a grant for a feasibility study to investigate using solar energy in the parish.
 - This was in the sum of £39,456.00. This was the full cost of the feasibility study including VAT of £6576.00
- 2 This VAT was reclaimed in August, along with other VAT generated at the start of the financial year in the sum of £6715.65
- 3 VAT Claimed for Tax year ending 5 April 2022 was also £620.00 greater than the previous year due to the purchase of new signage
- The Parish Council received a grants totalling £1450.00 from West Lindsey District Council for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, purchase of a new lap top and contribution towards new noticeboards.
- 5 A donation of £408 was received for the purchase of a new bench

PAYMENTS

- 1 The major source of the increase in payments was for the Solar Energy feasibility study see payments explanation
- 2 This along with other purchases increased the amount paid in VAT by £6522.30
- 3 A donation of £1500.00 was made to the Village Hall.
- 4 New planters and plants purchased to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee in the sum of £837.20
- 5 Deposit paid for new noticeboards £775.00
- 6 New website maintenance contract £225.00
- 7 Increase in grass maintenance due to the presence of chafer grubs £195.51

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2023, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2022/23 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.			
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.			
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.			
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.			
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.			
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.			
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	1/		
Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.			
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.			
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2021/22, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2021/22 AGAR tick "not covered")			
L. The authority published the required information on a website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the relevant legislation.			
M. In the year covered by this AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2022-23 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2021-22 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).			
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2021/22 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).			

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O. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			
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For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

23/12/22,01/04/13,08/04/23,10/04/23

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Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

REDACTED

Date

12/04/23

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).