



Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

Reasoning for a "No" response to Question 6 on the Annual Governance Statement

The Parish Council did not consider that during the year ending 31st March 2023, it was necessary to have an interim internal audit.

The Council based its view on the appropriateness of its present procedures for authorising, approving and reporting the income and expenditure of public funds.

The main points of the Parish Council's procedures are:

1. Council expenditure is approved at Council meetings and recorded in the minutes at each of the Council's meetings.
2. The Council is provided with an Income and Expenditure report including a bank reconciliation at every Council meeting, allowing the Councillors to review actual expenditure against budget expenditure.
3. Councillors have access to view the Council's bank accounts as they consider necessary independent of the Council's RFO.
4. The Council's precept process includes consideration of the appropriate level of reserves; and
5. The Council has a documented Risk Policy Assessment Statement (available on its website).

Therefore, after considering all the above, it is not considered necessary to maintain an internal audit role thorough out the year. A once-a-year internal audit based on the draft annual accounts is considered adequate.