

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE*Reviewed Annually. Last Approved 15th April 2017.*

<p>We have prepared the accounts which have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit regulations and proper practices</p>	<p>Does the Council have access to the Practitioners Guide on proper practices and has prepared the accounts in accordance with this guide? Has the Council properly prepared its financial summary? Did the Council review the bank reconciliation?</p>	<p>YES YES YES</p>
<p>We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption</p>	<p>Confirm that arrangements in place to ensure system of internal control is fully documented. Confirm that Council receives regular reports regarding internal controls/fraud protection.</p>	<p>YES YES</p>
<p>We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice which could have a significant effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.</p>	<p>Confirmation that all expenditure decisions made are within existing powers which are minuted. Confirm council has adopted standing orders and Financial Regulations Confirm Council has adopted and applies the Code of Conduct Confirm all members have received training on the Code of Conduct Confirm Council has met all duties in regard to its role as charitable trustee.</p>	<p>YES YES YES YES N/A</p>
<p>We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of elector's rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</p>	<p>Confirm the notice of audit has been prominently advertised/displayed Confirm that notice of completion of audit has been properly advertised/displayed Confirm that accounts have been made available to electors</p>	<p>YES YES YES</p>
<p>We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.</p>	<p>Confirm arrangements for risk management and how this has been carried out/updated and/or considered by the Council Confirm the appropriate insurance cover for identified risk is in place Confirm council regularly seeks assurance regarding internal controls</p>	<p>YES YES YES</p>

We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the Councils accounting records and control systems	Confirm that internal audit is carried out in accordance with proper practice guidance in the Practitioners Guide. Confirm that internal audit is not requested to undertake tasks or give advice which may compromise or fetter his/her independence or the Councils insurance.	YES
		YES
We have taken what we consider to be appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from the internal and external auditors.	Confirm that all internal and external reports have been placed before and considered by the Council. Confirm that there are no outstanding matters from previous audit report	YES
		YES
We are not aware of any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the end of the financial year being reported, other than those included in the accounts.	Confirm that reserves are adequate and not excessive Confirm that where there are any claims against the Council, any uninsured portion has been provided for Confirm Council has not borrowed any money other than for financial capital schemes Confirm no change to existing capital programmes.	YES
		YES
		YES
		YES