#### WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE: 1st April 2016 - 31st March 2017 (Precept £3800.00 : CT Supplement £136.00)

DATE			BANK (run	via depos	sit account)			GENERAL	FUND EX	(PENSE	ANALY	SIS						OPERATII	NG FUND	S	
2015	ITEM	СН	IN I	OUT	BALANCE	Stmnt	NOTES	Clerk	Clk/Cllr			Ins/Subs	Info	Other	Web	TOTALS	VAT	Election			<b>Total Op</b>
-2016									Exp	Hire	Light	Audit	Sheet	Costs	site			Pro	Prov	Fund	Funds
01 Apr	Funds Bought Forward				3,080.92				•									522.24	500.00	2058.68	3080.92
	Less bal on Treasurer's a/c				150.00															150.00	150.00
	OPERATING BAL B/F				2,930.92													522.24	500.00	1,908.68	2930.92
05 Apr	NSC CT Supplement	BACS	136.00		3.066.92											0.00				136.00	
11 Apr	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	3,061.58	80-81					5.34					5.34	0.25			5.34	
	Solsoft	SO		15.60	3,045.98	80-81									15.60	15.60				15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85	2,908.13	80-81	5p too much	111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	
	Interest		0.14		2,908.27	80-81										0.00				0.14	
	ALCA	719		54.55	2,853.72	80-81						54.55				54.55				54.55	
	Zurich Insurance	720		219.03								219.03				219.03				219.03	
	WalG Village Hall	721		9.00	· ·					9.00						9.00				9.00	
09 May	NSC 1st half precept	BACS	1900.00		4,525.69					0.00						0.00		300.00	250.00	1,350.00	
ou may	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	· '	_					5.34					5.34	0.25	000.00		5.34	
	Solsoft	SO		15.60	,						0.04				15.60	15.60	0.20			15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85			5p too much	111.65	26.20						13.00	137.85				137.85	
	Interest	30	0.16	107.00	4.367.06		op too much	111.00	20.20							0.00				0.16	
	WalG Village Hall	700	0.10	18.00	,					18.00						18.00				18.00	
10 1.00	Interest	722	0.19	10.00	4,349.00					16.00						0.00				0.19	
13 Juli	Southern Electric		0.19	5.17	,						5.17					5.17	0.24			5.17	
		DD									5.17				15.00	_	0.24			15.60	
****	Solsoft	SO		15.60				111.05	26.20						15.60	15.60				137.85	
	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85			5p too much	111.65	26.20	6.00						137.85					
07.1.1	WalG Village Hall	723		6.00	,					6.00						6.00	0.04			6.00	
07 Jul	Southern Electric	DD		5.17	<del>-</del>		No Meeting				5.17				45.00	5.17	0.24			5.17	
****	Solsoft	SO		15.60	,										15.60	15.60				15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO	0.10	137.85	,			111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	
	Interest		0.18				AGREES									0.00				0.18	
08 Aug	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	,		No Meeting				5.34				<u> </u>	5.34	0.25			5.34	
****	Solsoft	so		15.60	,										15.60	15.60				15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85	-,			111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	
	Interest		0.16		-,		AGREES									0.00				0.16	
05 Sep	A Hollingsworth re Info Sheet			36.00	3,831.56								36.00			36.00				36.00	
	HMRC re 6 months PAYE	725		167.40	-,			167.40								167.40				167.40	
	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	-,						5.34					5.34	0.25			5.34	
	Solsoft	SO		15.60	-,										15.60	15.60				15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85	-		5p too much	111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	
	Interest		0.17		3,505.54											0.00				0.17	
	NSC 2nd half precept	BACS	1900.00				AGREES									0.00		300.00	250.00	1,350.00	
	WalG Village Hall	726		6.00	-,					6.00						6.00				6.00	
10 Oct	Southern Electric	DD		5.34	-,						5.34					5.34	0.25			5.34	
	Solsoft	so		15.60											15.60	15.60				15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	so		137.85	-, -			111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	
	Interest		0.23		5,240.98	86-87	AGREES									0.00				0.23	
	Emma Edwards re Info Sheet	727		27.00	-,								27.00			27.00				27.00	
	WalG Village Hall	728		6.00	5,207.98	87-88				6.00						6.00				6.00	
14 Nov	Southern Electric	DD		5.17	5,202.81	87-88					5.17					5.17	0.24			5.17	
	Solsoft	so		15.60											15.60	15.60				15.60	
****	Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85	5,049.36	87-88	5p too much	111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	

Interest		0.22		5,049.58	87-88										0.00				0.22	
Emma Edwards re Info She	et 729		18.00	5,031.58	87-88	Nov-Dec						18.00			18.00				18.00	i i
D Hill re VH tree plague cos	ts 730		89.70	4,941.88	87-88	AGREES							89.70		89.70				89.70	,
WalG Village Hall	731		9.00	4,932.88	88-89				9.00						9.00				9.00	,
12 Dec Southern Electric	DD		5.17	4,927.71	88-89					5.17					5.17	0.24			5.17	
Solsoft - re Dec MS Bill of -£8.	44 so		15.60	4,912.11	88-89									15.60	15.60				15.60	į –
**** Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85	4,774.26	88-89	5p too much	111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	
Interest		0.21		4,774.47	88-89										0.00				0.21	
HMRC 3 mths PAYE Oct-De	ec 732		83.70	4,690.77	88-89	AGREES	83.70								83.70				83.70	i
WalG Village Hall	733		6.00	4,684.77	89-90				6.00						6.00				6.00	i e
				4,684.77											0.00				0.00	i
09 Jan Southern Electric	DD		5.51	4,679.26	89-90					5.51					5.51	0.26			5.51	
Solsoft	SO		15.60	4,663.66	89-90									15.60	15.60				15.60	i
**** Clerk net pay & expenses	SO		137.85				111.65	26.20							137.85				137.85	i
Interest		0.20		4,526.01	89-90	AGREES									0.00				0.20	i
WalG Village Hall	734		9.00	4,517.01	90-91				9.00						9.00				9.00	(
06 Feb Southern Electric	DD		5.17	4,511.84	90-91					5.17					5.17	0.24			5.17	
Solsoft SO cnx in error			0.00	,	-										0.00				0.00	
**** Clerk net pay SO cox in erro	or		0.00	4,511.84	-	5p too much									0.00				0.00	i
Interest		0.19		4,512.03	90-91										0.00				0.19	i
WalG Village Hall	735		6.00	4,506.03					6.00						6.00				6.00	i
±±±± Via Clerk re 12x5p overpayment on	so		-0.60	4,506.63	90-91	12 x 5p repaid	0.60								0.60				0.60	i
13 Mar Southern Electric	DD		5.01	4,501.62						5.01					5.01	0.23			5.01	
Solsoft	737		31.20	, -	91-92	}Replaces cnx S	80							31.20	31.20				31.20	
**** Clerk net pay & expenses	738		275.70			}10p too much	223.30	52.40							275.70				275.70	
Interest		0.17		4,194.89											0.00				0.17	
HMRC 3 mths PAYE Jan-M	ar 736		83.70	, -	91-92	AGREES	83.70								83.70				83.70	
WalG Village Hall	739		9.00	-,,					9.00						9.00				9.00	
				4,102.19											0.00				0.00	
				4,102.19											0.00				0.00	
				4,102.19											0.00				0.00	
				4,102.19											0.00				0.00	
OPERATING FUN	DS			4,102.19											0.00				0.00	(
INCOME & EXPENDITURE TOTAL	ALS	3938.22	2766.95												0.00					
Add standing bal on Tr a/c				150.00	Tota	al Expenses	1.674.00	314.40	84.00	63.07	273.58	81.00	89.70	187.20	2,766.95	2 94	1.122.24	1,000.00	1 979 95	4 102 19
TOTAL FUNDS TO C/F				4.252.19	101	п диропосс	Clerk	Cirk/Ciir	Hall	Public	Ins/Subs		Other	Web	2,766.95		Election	Capital	General	
				4,232.19			CIEIK								2,700.93	VAI	Prov	Prov		-
**** overpayment of 5p for 12 mont	hs							Ехр	Hire	Light	Audit* surance £25	Sheet	Costs	Site	.0		Prov	Prov	Fund	Funds
±±±± overpayment of 5p repaid										IIIa	urance 225	u . Subscri	puons 200	. Addit 23	U					
Budget 2016	-17														o/bs					
				Expenses &	k Provisi	ions 2016-17	1.674.00	315.00	180.00	65.00	360.00	120.00	0.00	200.00	2,914.00					
Total Funds	b/f			3080.92			1,01 1100	0.000	100100	00.00	000.00	120.00	0.00	200.00	Less					
Incor				3938.22											2000					
Expens				-2766.95																
Funds to c/f to 2017				4252.19		Being										150.00	1122.24	1000.00	1979.95	4252.1
Fullus to C/I to 2017	-10			7232.13		Denig										Treas	Election	Capital	General	Funds
				Actu	al Expe	nses 2015-16	1 644 00	314.40	117.50	62.90	263.74	81.00		264.96	2.748.50	Acc	Prov	Prov	Fund	Forward

#### WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

#### **BANK RECONCILIATION - page 1**

#### BEING THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FROM 1ST APRIL 2016 -31ST MARCH 2017

	2016-17		2015-16			2016-17	2015-16
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY					EXPENDITURE		
Precept	3800		4107		Clerk's pay	1674	1644
Other Income	136		112		Hall Hire	84	117
Interest	2		1		Public Light	63	63
TOTAL INCOME		3938		4220	Insurance	219	212
Add Funds Bought Forward	3081		1609		Cllr/Clerk Expenses	314	314
Deduct Clerk's Pay for Year	-1674		-1644		Subscriptions	55	52
Deduct Other Expenses Paid Out	-1093	314	-1104	-1139	Donations	0	0
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR		4252		3081	Information Sheet	81	81
					Purchases	90	0
					Audit	0	0
					Website	187	187
					Election Admin	0	78
						2767	2748
BANK RECONCILIATION							
Deposit Account Balance @ 31st March	4111		2931		Approved b	y the Parish Coun	cil
Current Account Balance @ 31st March	150		150				
Balances per Accounts @31st March		4261		3081			
Plus Un-presented Cheques @ 31st March		-9		9	Chai	rman	
Balances per Bank Statements @ 31st March		4252		3090			
The Council is not VAT registered 2 notice boards (£1000 each) and 1 street I The Council handles no cash, so there is n		Book Total £2800			Clerk	(	

#### **WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **BANK RECONCILIATION - page 2**

#### INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FROM 1ST APRIL 2016 - 31ST MARCH 2017

#### **ANALYSIS OD DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 2015-16 & 2016-17**

	2016-17	2015-16	Differences	Notes
INCOME				
Precept	3800	4107	-307	Election year provision
Bank Interest	2	1	1	
Other Income	136	112	24	
EXPENDITURE				
Clerk's Pay	1674	1644	30	
Other Expenses				
Hall Hire	84	117	-33	
Public Light	63	63	0	
Insurance	219	212	7	
Cllr's Clerk's Expenses	314	314	0	
Subscriptions	55	52	3	
Donations	0	0	0	
Information Sheet	81	81	0	
Purchases	90	0	90	Village Hall tree plaque replacement
Audit	0	0	0	
Website	187	187	0	
Elections	0	78	-78	
Excluding Clerk's Fee	1093	1104	-11	
Including Clerk's Pay	2767	2748		
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS				
Fixed & Long Term Assets	2800	2800	0	

# NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

#### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.234)
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

	NOTICE		NOTES
1.	Date of announcement7th August 2017(a)	(a)	Insert date of placing of this Notice
2.	Notice of conclusion of audit and publication of accounts.  The audit of the authority's accounts for the above year has been concluded on:  3rd August 2017 (date) by grant Thornton UK LLP.	(b)	Parish Councils should publish information on a website.
	The Annual governance statement, Accounting statements and the External auditor certificate and report (the Annual Return), have been published (b)(c).	(c)	Parish meetings should display information in a conspicuous place in the area of the authority for at least 14 days.
	Copies of documents are available for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum. Documents will remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of this notice (d).	(d)	See note 25.2 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 for further information.
3.	Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provides for the exercise of public rights to inspect the statement of accounts:		
	Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to make copies of:	(e)	Section 3 of Annual
	the accounting statements,	(6)	Return provides the external auditors
	the external auditor's opinion and certificate of completion (e),      any public interest report relation to the cutherity, and		certificate and report including any
	<ul> <li>any public interest report relating to the authority, and</li> <li>any recommendation relating to the authority.</li> </ul>		subsequent pages attached.
	For the year ended 31 March 2017 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 4 below.		
4. F	Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts and availability (f)	(f)	Insert name, position,
Nan	ne:Donald Hill		address and contact details such as
Pos	ition: Parish Clerk		telephone and email of the Clerk or other person to which any
	ress: 18 Mitford Slade Court		person may apply to inspect the above
	Mendip Road, Yatton BS49 4JG		documents, and the details of the manner in
Tel	no: 01934 835578		which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting
Ema	clerk@waltoningordanopc.org.uk		records and other documents.
Day	s and times of availability: Monday-Friday 10am - 4pm		
5. S	ignature and name of person giving Notice on behalf of the authority  Donald Hill Clerk and/or Responsible Financial Officer		
	more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication ncil Accounts – A Guide to Your Rights are available from the National Audit Office website		
http	os://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council- ounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf		

# Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017

Every smaller authority in England with an annual turnover of £6.5 million or less must complete an annual return at the end of each financial year in accordance with proper practices summarising its activities. In this annual return the term 'smaller authority'\* includes a Parish Meeting, a Parish Council, a Town Council and an Internal Drainage Board.

#### The annual return on pages 2 to 4 is made up of three sections:

- Sections 1 and 2 are completed by the smaller authority. Smaller authorities must approve Section 1 before Section 2.
- Section 3 is completed by the external auditor.

In addition, the **internal audit report** is completed by the smaller authority's internal audit provider.

Each smaller authority must approve Section 1 and Section 2 in order and in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

#### Completing your annual return

Guidance notes, including a completion checklist, are provided on page 6 and at relevant points in the annual return.

Complete all highlighted sections. Do not leave any highlighted box blank. Incomplete or incorrect returns require additional external auditor work and may incur additional costs.

Send the annual return, together with the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2017, an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements, **your notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights** and any additional information requested, to your external auditor by the due date.

Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed for their work. Unless requested, do not send any original financial records to the external auditor.

Once the external auditor has completed their work, certified annual returns will be returned to the smaller authority for publication and public display of Sections 1, 2 and 3. You must publish and display the annual return, including the external auditor's report, by 30 September 2017.

It should not be necessary for you to contact the external auditor for guidance.

More guidance on completing this annual return is available in the Practitioners' Guide that can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.slcc.co.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

\*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

# Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2016/17

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of smaller authority here:

WALTON-IN-GORDANO PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including 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 2017, that:

		l A	greed		'Yes'
		Yes	No		means that this smaller authority:
1.	We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	Y			prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2.	We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	Y			made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3.	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 smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	7			has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4.	We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	7			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 smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	7			considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6.	We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	7			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.
7.	We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	Y			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 smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	7			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	NA POLA	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority on:

10/04/2017

and recorded as minute reference

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Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

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Clerk:

\*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

# Section 2 – Accounting statements 2016/17 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

WALTON-IN-FORDAND PARISH COUNCIL

		Year e	ending	Notes and guidance
		31 March 2016 £	31 March 2017 £	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 forward	brought	1609	3081	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. (+) Preception and Levies		4107	3800	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs, rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other rece	ipts	113	138	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff co	osts	1644	1674	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/ca repayment		0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	er	1104	1093	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balance forward	es carried	3081	4252	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8. Total value and short investmen	term	3081	4252	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b>
9. Total fixed plus long to investment and assets	erm its	2800	7800	This cell shows the value of all the property the authority owns. It is made up of its fixed assets and long-term investments.
10. Total borrowing	s	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Only) Disc note re Tru (including	closure		Yes No	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.  N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2017 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:

Date 08 35 2017

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on:

08/05/2017

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by Chair at meeting where approval is given:

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# Section 3 - External auditor report and certificate

In respect of:

Enter name of smaller authority here:

Walton-In-Gordano Parish Council

## 1. Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- · summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2017; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

### 2. 2016/17 External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).
(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

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(continue on a separate sheet if required)

### 3. 2016/17 External auditor certificate

We certify/do not certify\* that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2017.

* We do not certify completion because:
External auditor signature Grav Tunh UK WP
External auditor name Grant Thornton UK LLP Date 03/08/17.
Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2016/17 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

## Annual internal audit report 2016/17 to

Enter name of smaller authority here:

(add separate sheets if needed).

WALTON-IN	CORDANO J	PARISH COUNCIL
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This smaller authority's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2017.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with this smaller 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 smaller authority.

Int	ernal control objective		l? Pleas the follo	se choose only owing
		Yes	No*	Not covered**
A.	Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.	/		
B.	This smaller authority met its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	/		
C.	This smaller 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.	1		
E.	Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1		
F.	Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			THE COUNCIL HANDLES NO CASH
G.	Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this smaller authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	/		
Н.	Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	/		
1.	Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	/		
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.	1		
K.	(For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not
	Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	res	INO	applicable
	any other risk areas identified by this smaller authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk ets if needed)	areas be	low or o	on separate
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\*\*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

\*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified

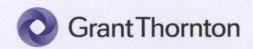
next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

# Guidance notes on completing the 2016/17 annual return

- 1. You must apply proper practices for preparing this annual return. Proper practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide\* which is updated from time to time and contains everything you should need to prepare successfully for your financial year-end and the subsequent work by the auditor. NALC, SLCC and ADA have helplines if you want to talk through any problem you encounter.
- 2. Make sure that your annual return is complete (i.e. no empty highlighted boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed return. Any amendments must be approved by the smaller authority, properly initialled and explanation provided. Annual returns containing unexplained or unapproved amendments may be returned and incur additional costs.
- 3. Smaller authorities must approve Section 1 on page 2 before approving Section 2 on page 3.
- 4. Use the checklist provided below. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps a Councillor or Board Member, to review the annual return for completeness and accuracy before sending it to the external auditor.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful.
   However, you must tell the external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer
   or Chair.
- 6. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation which you send to your external auditor with the annual return covers all your bank accounts. If your smaller authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree your bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (Section 2 on page 3). You must provide an explanation for any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide\*.
- 7. Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 3. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include a complete numerical and narrative analysis to support your explanation. There are a number of examples provided in the Practitioners' Guide\* to assist you.
- 8. If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or you do not fully explain variances, this may incur additional costs for which the auditor will make a charge.
- 9. You must inform the external auditor of the date set for the commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights.
- 10. Make sure that your accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2016) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2017).
- 11. Do not complete Section 3 which is reserved for the external auditor.

Completion checklist -	- 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Done?
All sections	All highlighted boxes have been completed?	Y21
	All additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, has been provided for the external auditor?	Pes
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation is provided?	Tec
Section 2	Smaller authority approval of the accounting statements is confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?	Yes
	An explanation of significant variations from last year to this year is provided?	Yac
	Bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2017 agreed to Box 8?	Fer.
	An explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 is provided?	Yes
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – all disclosures made if a Council is a sole managing trustee? NB: Do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	NIA
Internal Audit report	All highlighted boxes completed by internal audit and explanations provided?	Yet

\*Note: The Practitioners' Guide is available from your local NALC, SLCC or ADA representatives or from www.nalc.gov.uk or www.slcc.co.uk or www.ada.org.uk.



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Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of the authority

S1 was signed by the Chair and Clerk after the date of approval of the Accounting Statements
The Parish Council has considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) on 10
April 2017. The RFO has signed the Accounting Statements (Section 2) on 8 May 2017, which is after the date of approval of Section 1. In the future, the Parish Council should ensure that the RFO signs off the Accounting Statements (Section 2) before Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual return are signed off.

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