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18th May 2026

Dear Janet,

Year End Internal Audit Report

An audit was carried out by Kevin Rose on Saturday 9 May 2026. This was the Year End audit following on from the interim audits carried out on 7 January 2026 and 30 March 2026.

The audit was undertaken using the standard IAC Audit Checklist, which we use for all Local Councils, which has 208 items. A total of 64 items were tested during this audit in addition to the 144 items tested and checked during the interim audit process. All items on the checklists were tested during the year.

The following 'Internal Control Objectives' of the Annual Internal Audit Report (part of the AGAR) were checked and confirmed as being Not Applicable to your Council for this financial year.

- Petty cash (Box F)
- Exemption from External Audit (Box K)
- Trust Funds (Box P)

(Please refer to the explanation of my 'Not Covered' responses on Page 3)

Areas subject to audit were;

- the Payment system (Box B)
- Risk and insurance (Box C)
- Budget and precept setting and monitoring (Box D)
- Income billing, collection and VAT (Box E)
- Petty cash (Box F)
- Payroll (Box G)
- Assets and investments (Box H)
- Bank reconciliations (Box I)
- Accounting Statements (Box J)
- Exemption from External Audit (Box K)
- the Publication of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Box N)
- Trust Funds (Box P)

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Summary of tests undertaken during this audit

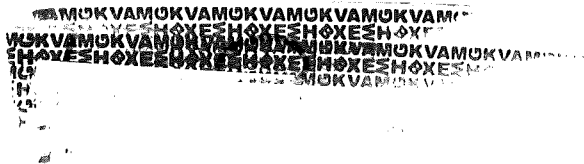
Positive response	25
Negative response	1
Not Applicable to your Council	38
Total tests carried out	<u>64</u>

Of the 26 applicable items tested a Positive response was obtained in respect of 25 tests. There was 1 Negative response identified and 1 Observation was made, details of which are set out in the attached Year End Internal Audit Observations.

Based on the results of the audit testing carried out I am satisfied that the Council's internal controls were effective for the 2025/26 financial year.

I would like to express my thanks for the assistance and hospitality provided to me during my audit.

Yours sincerely,



Director

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2026, 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 2025/26 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 ¹	Not covered ²
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	Yes		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Yes		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	Yes		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	Yes		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Yes		
F. Cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			N/A
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.	Yes		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	Yes		
I. Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	Yes		
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.	Yes		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2024/25, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2024/25 AGAR tick "not covered")			N/A
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.	Yes		
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 2025/26 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2024-25 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	Yes		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2024/25 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	Yes		
O. The authority has complied with laws, regulations & proper practices relating to digital and data compliance.	Yes		
P. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	Yes	No	Not applicable
			N/A

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

06/06/2025 07/01/2026 30/03/2026

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Signature of person who
carried out the internal audit

Date

11/05/2026

¹If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

²Note: 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).

