

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

Assertions where Council have answered NO.

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.	<p>The Council have answered 'No' to this.</p> <p>Original notification of conclusion of audit (28 September 2023) was not actioned by the outgoing Clerk and as such, the new Clerk/RFO only received a request for an unpaid invoice and then a copy of the original email 08 January 2024. Upon receipt the Council were notified at the next meeting and the prepared the Notice was displayed as of 22 January 2024 for the correct length of time.</p> <p>The weakness has been addressed by the employment of a new Clerk/RFO and with a new Internal Auditor.</p>
6.	We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	<p>The Council have answered 'No' to this.</p> <p>The weakness has been addressed by the employment of a new Clerk/RFO and with a new Internal Auditor.</p> <p>Both Clerk/RFO and Internal Auditor have highlighted areas where Council need to improve and Council have made strides to update Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and more robust checking of invoices etc.</p> <p>The new Clerk/RFO brought all the finances for 2023/2024 onto an Excel spreadsheet to provide clear records and provide monthly reconciliations of finances.</p>