		Budget Report to 31 N	lar 2024	
		lood by Pitch and B. E. Ster. & Pitch 1		
		EXPENDITURE	2121	
101		Electricity		Increased energy costs
101		Health & Safety		Removal of fuel bund £1,050
101		Telephone		Accrued invoice from previous financial year
101	4026	<u>Γ</u>	-1020	Screen £668, new router £467
10 1	4036	Property maintenance	-220	Drain repair £880 Increase cost of accounting software support and payroll
101		Accounting support		service
101		Professional fees		Ecologist £1,678.60
105		Water		Leak detection fee
105	4014	Electricity	-121	Increased energy costs
105	4036	Property maintenance	-506	Replacement toilet roll dispenser £370, general repairs £410
201		Water		Castle Water dispute
201		Refuse collection		Skip costs
201		Health & Safety		Fire safety £305, dog bin £292, signs £102, safety equip £88, paper roll £22, batteries £33
201		Miscellaneous		Dugouts spares £215, graffiti removal £190
201		Telephone		Replacement tough case for phone and increased costs
201		Contracts		£370 FF grant costs, equipment seed slotter £374
201		Play equip repairs		Aerial runway £500 service, outdoor gym repair £263
201		Equip maintenance		Street lights repair £878
201		Tree management		Fencing around T-0298 £880, ecology reports £4,676
		u.	<u> </u>	Tractor repair fuel line issues £991, Grillo repair £880 and
201	4043	Tractor maintenance	-2303	year-end adjustment, tractor brush £1,725
203	4014	Electricity	-883	Increased energy costs
203	4016	Cleaning	-1329	Mid week clean charged to SHR
203	4018	Health & Safety	-714	Fire panel upgrade £706
203	4036	Property maintenance	-700	Emergency lighting upgrade £1085
204	4036	Property maintenance	-350	Salt spreader £875
205		Electricity		Increased energy costs
205	4015			Increased energy costs
205		Health & Safety		Gas repairs £828, Elec repairs £310, fire upgrades £445
205		Security		Intruder alarm callout and new padlocks
		Property maintenance	-1111	New dishwasher £1556
301	4012	Water		Castle Water leak dispute
301	4014	Electricity		Increased energy costs
301	4015	Gas	-3930	Increased energy costs
301		Refuse collection		13 months
301		Health & Safety		Toilet repair £435, Fire exit £219, heating repair £120
301		Security		CCTV repair £1,312, CCTV service £426
401		Rates		Rates re-valuation
401		Security		Extra alarm tags
4 01	4021	Telephone	-19	Contract price increase
أمما	4007	Grounde maintenance	101	Additional contractor grace cutting due to staff shortages
401		Grounds maintenance		Additional contractor grass cutting due to staff shortages
401		Equipment Staff costs		New battery Salary increase
501		Staff costs INCOME	-349	Datary IIIDI Base
101				Ground rents
101	_	Letting income Miscellanous income		CIL and Henry Smith grant
101		Interest		CCLA account
		Pitch income		CFC storage income applied to pavilion income
	1040	Miscellanous income		Coffee income, Spiker grant £4,499
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404	ADMINISTRATION	10 Date	, amaar baa	Author Fotor	Exponditure) (Vallapio		
	ADMINISTRATION	3	0	(3)			0.0%	
	LETTING INCOME		0	(3) 0			100.0%	
	PRECEPT MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	487,004 31,638	487,004 0	(31,638)			0.0%	20,481
	INTEREST RECEIVED	20,254	1,000	(19,254)			2025.4%	20,101
1090	INTEREST RESERVED							
	ADMINISTRATION :- Income	538,899	488,004	(50,895)			110.4%	20,481
4001	STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	66,208	75,818	9,610		9,610	87.3%	
4008	TRAINING	1,425	1,470	45		45	96.9%	
4009	TRAVELLING EXPENSES	75	105	30		30	71.6%	
4011	RATES	5,369	5,760	391		391	93.2%	
4014	ELECTRICITY	5,429	2,938	(2,491)		(2,491)	184.8%	
4016	CLEANING	850	945	95		95	89.9%	
4018	HEALTH & SAFETY	2,255	1,890	(365)		(365)	119.3%	
4019	SECURITY	659	892	233		233	73.9%	
4020	MISC. EXPENSES	916	1,050	134		134	87.3%	
4021	TELEPHONE/FAX	2,439	2,100	(339)		(339)	116.2%	
4023	STATIONERY/PRINTING	1,653	2,100	447		447	78.7%	
4024	SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,480	3,675	195		195	94.7%	
4025	INSURANCE	1,685	1,785	100		100	94.4%	
4026	COMPUTER/IT COSTS	5,220	4,200	(1,020)		(1,020)	124.3%	
4036	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	1,270	1,050	(220)		(220)	120.9%	
4051	BANK CHARGES	233	788	555		555	29.5%	
4055	ACCOUNTING SUPPORT	2,738	2,205	(533)		(533)	124.2%	
4057	AUDIT FEES	1,628	2,100	472		472	77.5%	
4059	OTHER PROF FEES	4,874	4,200	(674)		(674)	116.1%	3,981
	ADMINISTRATION :- Indirect Expenditure	108,407	115,071	6,664	0	6,664	94.2%	3,981
	Net Income over Expenditure	430,492	372,933	(57,559)				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	3,981						
6001	less Transfer to EMR	20,481						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	413,993						
102	CIVIC ACTIVITIES							
4006	CHAIRMAN'S ALLWCE	450	450	0		0	100.0%	
	TRAINING	385	525	140		140	73.3%	
	TRAVELLING EXPENSES	50	105	55		55	47.6%	
	MISC. EXPENSES	1,035	3,150	2,115		2,115	32.9%	
	CIVIC SERVICE	125	210	85		85	59.5%	
	CIVIC ACTIVITIES :- Indirect Expenditure	2,045	4,440	2,395		2,395	46.1%	0
	NAS Francisco							
	Net Expenditure	(2,045)	(4,440)	(2,395)				

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105 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES							
4001 STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	3,855	4,910	1,055		1,055	78.5%	
4012 WATER	751	420	(331)		(331)	178.8%	
4014 ELECTRICITY	626	505	(121)		(121)	124.0%	
4016 CLEANING	10,124	10,575	451		451	95.7%	
4018 HEALTH & SAFETY	2,211	2,310	99		99	95.7%	
4025 INSURANCE	371	388	17		17	95.5%	
4036 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	2,606	2,100	(506)		(506)	124.1%	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES :- Indirect Expenditure	20,543	21,208	665	0	665	96.9%	. 0
Net Expenditure	(20,543)	(21,208)	(665)				
107 FGP GRANTS (& S137)							
4701 GRANTS POWER GEN COMPETENCE	2,000	2,000	0		0	100.0%	ı
FGP GRANTS (& S137) :- Indirect Expenditure	2,000	2,000		0	0	100.0%	<u> </u>
Net Expenditure	(2,000)	(2,000)	0				
201 RECREATION GENERAL							
1020 PITCH HIRE INCOME	6,933	9,500	2,567			73.0%	ı
1089 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	5,718	0	(5,718)			0.0%	4,499
RECREATION GENERAL :- Income	12,651	9,500	(3,151)			133.2%	4,499
4001 STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	57,018	66,705	9,687		9,687	85.5%	J
4003 TEMPORARY WORKERS	2,100	2,100	0		0	100.0%)
4008 TRAINING	202	840	638		638	24.0%	,
4009 TRAVELLING EXPENSES	0	525	525		525	0.0%)
4012 WATER	5,999	210	(5,789)		(5,789)	2856.7%	ı
4017 REFUSE COLLECTION	7,954	7,350	(604)		(604)	108.2%)
4018 HEALTH & SAFETY	2,391	1,575	(816)		(816)	151.8%	\$
4019 SECURITY	1,039	1,050	11		11	99.0%	ı
4020 MISC. EXPENSES	2,492	2,100	(392)		(392)	118.7%	>
4021 TELEPHONE/FAX	1,031	715	(316)		(316)	144.1%	,
4024 SUBSCRIPTIONS	50	158	109		109	31.3%	i
4025 INSURANCE	993	1,050	57		57	94.6%)
4037 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	18,261	18,900	639		639	96.6%	,
4038 EQPT HIRE/CONTRACTS	12,339	11,550	(789)		(789)	106.8%	,
	927	2,100	1,173		1,173	44.2%	ı
4039 FLOWERBEDS	<i>52.1</i>						
4039 FLOWERBEDS 4040 PLAY EQUIPT MAINT'CE	3,766	3,150	(616)		(616)	119.5%	'n
		3,150 2,300	(616) (489)		(616) (489)		

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4043	TRACTOR MAINTENANCE	3,878	1,575	(2,303)		(2,303)	246.2%	
4044	FUEL & OIL	4,372	6,000	1,628		1,628	72.9%	
4048	EQUIPMENT - PURCHASE	2,188	2,200	12		12	99.5%	
REC	REATION GENERAL :- Indirect Expenditure	142,842	142,653	(189)	0	(189)	100.1%	
	Net income over Expenditure	(130,191)	(133,153)	(2,962)				
6001	less Transfer to EMR	4,499						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(134,690)						
202	CAR PARK							
	SNOXHALL CARPARK INCOME	10,420	0	(10,420)			0.0%	10,42
	CAR PARK :- Income	10,420		(10,420)				10,42
4011	RATES	482	1,150	668		668	41.9%	
4014	ELECTRICITY	1,294	3,350	2,056		2,056	38.6%	
	CAR PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	1,776	4,500	2,724	0	2,724	39.5%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	8,644	(4,500)	(13,144)				
6001	less Transfer to EMR	10,420						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(1,776)						
203	YOUTH CENTRE							
1051	YOUTH CENTRE INCOME	22,092	15,450	(6,642)			143.0%	
	YOUTH CENTRE :- Income	22,092	15,450	(6,642)			143.0%	
4001	STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	6,777	9,087	2,310		2,310	74.6%	
4011	RATES	184	3,780	3,596		3,596	4.9%	
4012	WATER	(475)	1,260	1,735		1,735	(37.7%)	
4014	ELECTRICITY	2,143	1,260	(883)		(883)	170.1%	
4015	GAS	2,592	3,360	768		768	77.1%	
4016	CLEANING	3,639	2,310	(1,329)		(1,329)	157.5%	
4018	HEALTH & SAFETY	5,859	5,145	(714)		(714)	113.9%	
4019	SECURITY	524	945	421		421	55.5%	
4020	MISC. EXPENSES	453	525	72		72	86.3%	
4025	INSURANCE	1,372	1,575	203		203	87.1%	
4036	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	2,800	2,100	(700)		(700)	133.4%	
4059	OTHER PROF FEES	616	840	224		224	73.3%	
		26 495	22 497	5,702		5,702	82.3%	
	YOUTH CENTRE :- Indirect Expenditure	26,485	32,187	3,702	J	0,102	02.070	

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204	ALLOTMENTS							
1010	RENT RECEIVED	5,193	5,000	(193)			103.9%	
	ALLOTMENTS :- Income	5,193	5,000	(193)			103.9%	0
4001	STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	6,946	7,046	100		100	98.6%	
4012	WATER	720	3,150	2,430		2,430	22.8%	
4025	INSURANCE	200	315	115		115	63.4%	
4036	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	875	525	(350)		(350)	166.7%	
4037	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	250	1,785	1,535		1,535	14.0%	
4042	TREE MANAGEMENT	2,498	4,200	1,703		1,703	59.5%	
	ALLOTMENTS :- Indirect Expenditure	11,488	17,021	5,533	0	5,533	67.5%	0
	Net income over Expenditure	(6,295)	(12,021)	(5,726)				
205	SNOXHALL PAVILION							
1010	RENT RECEIVED	14,849	12,471	(2,378)			119.1%	
	SNOXHALL PAVILION :- Income	14,849	12,471	(2,378)			119.1%	C
4001	STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	6,541	8,014	1,473		1,473	81.6%	
4011	RATES	112	2,520	2,408		2,408	4.4%	
4012	WATER	898	1,575	677		677	57.0%	
4014	ELECTRICITY	6,701	4,817	(1,884)		(1,884)	139.1%	
4015	GAS	8,241	6,045	(2,196)		(2,196)	136.3%	
4016	CLEANING	7,442	8,190	748		748	90.9%	
4018	HEALTH & SAFETY	4,770	2,940	(1,830)		(1,830)	162.2%	
4019	SECURITY	984	788	(196)		(196)	124.9%	
4020	MISC. EXPENSES	199	525	326		326	37.9%	
4021	TELEPHONE/FAX	81	1,260	1,179		1,179	6.4%	
4025	INSURANCE	1,902	2,310	408		408	82.3%	
4036	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	4,576	3,465	(1,111)		(1,111)	132.1%	
4059	OTHER PROF FEES	200	840	640		640	23.8%	
SN	IOXHALL PAVILION :- Indirect Expenditure	42,647	43,289	642	0	642	98.5%	(
	Net income over Expenditure	(27,798)	(30,818)	(3,020)				
301	VILLAGE HALL							
1030	LETTING INCOME	19,768	17,000	(2,768)			116.3%	
	VILLAGE HALL :- Income	19,768	17,000	(2,768)			116.3%	, (
4001	STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	8,705	12,756	4,051		4,051	68.2%	
4008	TRAINING	0	210	210		210	0.0%	
4011	RATES	2,595	2,940	345		345	88.3%	

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4012	WATER	8,568	1,050	(7,518)		(7,518)	816.0%	
	ELECTRICITY	3,093	1,645	(1,448)		(1,448)	188.0%	
4015		5,871	1,941	(3,930)		(3,930)	302.5%	
4016	CLEANING	3,148	3,150	2		2	99.9%	
4017	REFUSE COLLECTION	1,075	995	(80)		(80)	108.0%	
4018	HEALTH & SAFETY	4,133	3,380	(753)		(753)	122.3%	
4019	SECURITY	2,228	315	(1,913)		(1,913)	707.4%	
4020	MISC. EXPENSES	286	525	239		239	54.4%	
4021	TELEPHONE/FAX	81	735	654		654	11.0%	
4025	INSURANCE	3,813	3,890	77		77	98.0%	
4036	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	4,200	4,200	(0)		(0)	100.0%	
4059	OTHER PROF FEES	952	1,050	98		98	90.6%	
	VILLAGE HALL :- Indirect Expenditure	48,747	38,782	(9,965)	0	(9,965)	125.7%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(28,979)	(21,782)	7,197				
401	CEMETERY							
1040	BURIAL FEES	13,028	10,300	(2,728)			126.5%	
1041	MEMORIAL FEES	6,110	10,300	4,190			59.3%	
1042	GRANT OF RIGHTS	9,550	5,150	(4,400)			185.4%	
1043	Transfer Fees for Graves	1,564	1,030	(534)			151.9%	
1089	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	54	0	(54)			0.0%	
	CEMETERY :- Income	30,306	26,780	(3,526)			113.2%	0
4001	STAFF PAY/OP COSTS	82,740	85,200	2,460		2,460	97.1%	
4008	TRAINING	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4011	RATES	1,846	1,260	(586)		(586)	1 4 6.5%	
4012	WATER	289	315	26		26	91.8%	
4014	ELECTRICITY	(64)	273	337		337	(23.6%)	
4017	REFUSE COLLECTION	929	1,155	226		226	80.4%	
4018	HEALTH & SAFETY	558	630	72		72	88.5%	
4019	SECURITY	218	179	(39)		(39)	122.0%	
4020	MISC. EXPENSES	288	630	342		342	45.7%	
4021	TELEPHONE/FAX	335	316	(19)		(19)	105.9%	
4024	SUBSCRIPTIONS	95	334	239		239	28.4%	
4025	INSURANCE	166	198	32		32	83.9%	
4036	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	714	1,050	337		337	68.0%	
4037	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	956	825	(131)		(131)	115,9%	
4038	EQPT HIRE/CONTRACTS	0	630	630		630	0.0%	
4041	EQPT/VHICLE/MC/MNTGE	1,492	1,470	(22)		(22)	101.5%	
4042	TREE MANAGEMENT	1,050	2,100	1,050		1,050	50.0%	

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4044	FUEL & OIL	562	1,600	1,038		1,038	35.1%	
4048	EQUIPMENT - PURCHASE	1,151	1,260	109		109	91.4%	
4059	OTHER PROF FEES	0	880	880		880	0.0%	
	CEMETERY :- Indirect Expenditure	93,325	100,805	7,480	0	7,480	92.6%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(63,019)	(74,025)	(11,006)				
501	PLANNING							
4001		12,538	12,189	(349)		(349)	102.9%	
-1001		12,500	12,100	(349)		(040)	102.070	
	PLANNING :- Indirect Expenditure	12,538	12,189	(349)	0	(349)	102.9%	0
	Net Expenditure	(12,538)	(12,189)	349				
900	EARMARKED RESERVE EXPENDITURE							
9330	EMR GRANTS UNSPENT	6,500	0	(6,500)		(6,500)	0.0%	6,500
		24,031	0	(24,031)		(24,031)	0.0%	24,031
9344	EMR FORWARD MAINT PLAN	4,548	0	(4,548)		(4,548)	0.0%	4,548
9345	EMR ELECTIONS	10,112	0	(10,112)		(10,112)	0.0%	10,112
9348	EMR HENRY SMITH	3,500	0	(3,500)		(3,500)	0.0%	3,500
9349	EMR ELECTRICIAN	2,020	0	(2,020)		(2,020)	0.0%	2,020
9351	EMR MUGA	2,466	0	(2,466)		(2,466)	0.0%	2,466
9356	EMR SNOXHAL CAR PARK INCOME	33,609	0	(33,609)		(33,609)	0.0%	33,609
9358	EMR ROAD AND PATHS	42,926	0	(42,926)		(42,926)	0.0%	42,926
9359	EMR SNOXHALL STORAGE	36,596	0	(36,596)		(36,596)	0.0%	36,596
9360	EMR PITCHES	1,500	0	(1,500)		(1,500)	0.0%	1,500
9363	EMR REC SIGNS	946	0	(946)		(946)	0.0%	946
9365	ENR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,049	. 0	(2,049)		(2,049)	0.0%	2,049
9372	EMR VILLAGE HALL	15,475	0	(15,475)		(15,475)	0.0%	15,475
9384	EMR CEM DRAINAGE	4,940	0	(4,940)		(4,940)	0.0%	4,940
9394	EMR PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	1,200	0	(1,200)		(1,200)	0.0%	1,200
9395	EMR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	1,165	0	(1,165)		(1,165)	0.0%	1,165
9396	EMR JUBILEE	6,77 4	0	(6,774)		(6,774)	0.0%	6,774
9398	EMR SNOXHALL PAVILION	440	0	(440)		(440)	0.0%	440
9402	EMR YOUTH COUNCIL	180	0	(180)		(180)	0.0%	180
EARMA	ARKED RESERVE EXPENDITURE :- Indirect Expenditure	200,976	0	(200,976)	0	(200,976)		200,976
	Net Expenditure	(200,976)	0	200,976				
6000	plus Transfer from EMR	200,976						
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0						
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Month No: 12

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Grand Totals:- Income	654,178	574,205	(79,973)			113.9%	
Expenditure	713,820	534,145	(179,675)	0	(179,675)	133.6%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(59,643)	40,060	99,703				
plus Transfer from EMR	204,958						
less Transfer to EMR	35,400						
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	109,915						

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 Form 3

To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
 - · are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
 - have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24

- 1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** complete Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with *Proper Practices*.
- 2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts, pages 3 to 6:
 - The Annual Internal Audit Report must be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - · Sections 1 and 2 must be completed and approved by the authority.
 - Section 3 is completed by the external auditor and will be returned to the authority.
- 3. The authority **must** approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, before approving Section 2, Accounting Statements, and both **must** be approved and published on the authority website/webpage **before 1 July 2024**.
- 4. An authority with either gross income or gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 or an authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000, but which is unable to certify itself as exempt, or is requesting a limited assurance review, **must** return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2024.** Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
 - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
 - · a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2024
 - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
 - notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
 - Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24

Unless requested, do not send any additional documents to your external auditor. Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed.

Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate will be returned to the authority by email or post.

Publication Requirements

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities must publish the following information on the authority website/webpage:

Before 1 July 2024 authorities must publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24, approved and signed, page 4
- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2023/24, approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2024 authorities must publish:

- Notice of conclusion of audit
- Section 3 External Auditor Report and Certificate
- Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review. It is recommended as best practice, to avoid any potential confusion by local electors and interested parties, that you also publish the Annual Internal Audit Report, page 3.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

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

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2023/24

- The authority must comply with Proper Practices in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR. Proper
 Practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to time and contains everything
 needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end and the subsequent work by the external auditor.
- Make sure that the AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty) and is properly signed and dated. Any
 amendments must be approved by the authority and properly initialled.
- The authority should receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness before returning it to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2024.
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) must be approved on the same day or before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) must certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority must in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- The RFO is required to commence the public rights period as soon as practical after the date of the AGAR approval.
- You must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chair, and provide relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the AGAR covers all
 the bank accounts. If the authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank
 reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree the bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting
 statements (Section 2, page 5). An explanation must be provided of any difference between Box 7 and
 Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the *Practitioners' Guide**.
- Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 5. Do not just send a copy of the detailed
 accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the
 reasons for all variances. Include complete numerical and narrative analysis to support the full variance.
- · If the bank reconciliation is incomplete or variances not fully explained then additional costs may be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2023) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2024).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, must set the commencement date for the
 exercise of public rights of 30 consecutive working days which must include the first ten working days of July.
- The authority must publish on the authority website/webpage the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor before 1 July 2024.

Completion checkl	ist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	1	
	Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, been provided for the external auditor?	1	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	1	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', has an explanation been published?	A A	
Section 2	Has the Responsible Financial Officer signed the accounting statements before presentation to the authority for approval?	1	
	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?	1	
	Has an explanation of significant variations been published where required?	1	
	Has the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2024 been reconciled to Box 8?	1	
	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?	1	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? NB: do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	1	

^{*}Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices, can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2024, 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 2023/24 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*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.			
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.			
C. This 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.			
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.			
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			
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.			
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.		geometric .	100 100
Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.			38 ER 3
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.			
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2022/23, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2022/23 AGAR tick "not covered")			
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.			
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 2023-24 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2022-23 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).			- Mug //
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2022/23 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).			
O. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.		1.81	NO TAKEN TO

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

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

Date

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

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

Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for 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 2024, that:

	Agr	eed			
	Yes	No*	'Yes' m	eans that this authority:	
We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	1			ed its accounting statements in accordance Accounts and Audit Regulations.	
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.			made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.		
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 authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	1 V		has only done what it has the legal power to do and ha complied with Proper Practices in doing so.		
We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	1		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunit inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts		
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	1		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.		
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	1		controls	ed for a competent person, independent of the financial is and procedures, to give an objective view on whether I controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.	
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	1		respond externa	ded to matters brought to its attention by internal and all audit.	
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 authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	1		disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the end if relevant.		
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability 1. The country is a second of the country including the country included the country included the c	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	
responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	1				

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:	Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:
and recorded as minute reference:	Chair
	Clerk

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Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

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	Year en	ding	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	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 brought forward	516,207	550,072	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. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	445,582	487,004	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	185,441	167,174	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	249,222	251,328	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	347,936	462,493	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	550,072	490,429	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	549,924	496,077	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	2,286,620	2,337,488	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	TOTAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	/			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	1			The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

Date

Section 3 - External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of

CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website — https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with <i>Proper Practices</i> which:
 summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2024; and confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.
2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2023/24
(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation 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 authority: (continue on a separate sheet if required)
3 External auditor certificate 2023/24
We certify/do not certify* that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2024.
*We do not certify completion because:
External Auditor Name
External Auditor Signature Date

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24 Form 3 Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*

WHAT SMALLER AUTHORITIES NEED TO DO TO ADVERTISE THE PERIOD DURING WHICH ELECTORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS MAY EXERCISE RIGHTS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The <u>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</u> and the <u>Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015</u> require that:

- 1) The accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested, during a period of 30 working days set by the smaller authority and including the first 10 working days of July.
- 2) The period referred to in paragraph (1) starts with the day on which the period for the exercise of public rights is treated as having been commenced i.e. the day following the day on which all of the obligations in paragraph (3) below have been fulfilled.
- 3) The responsible financial officer for a relevant authority must, on behalf of that authority, publish (which must include publication on the authority's website):
 - a) the Accounting Statements (i.e. Section 2 of either Form 2 or 3, whichever is relevant, of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR)), accompanied by:
 - a declaration, signed by that officer to the effect that the status of the Accounting Statements are unaudited and that the Accounting Statements as published may be subject to change;
 - ii) the Annual Governance Statement (i.e. Section 1 of either Form 2 or Form 3, whichever is relevant, of the AGAR); and
 - b) a statement that sets out
 - i) the period for the exercise of public rights;
 - ii) details of the manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting records and other documents;
 - iii) the name and address of the local auditor;
 - iv) the provisions contained in section 26 (inspection of documents etc.) and section 27 (right to make objections at audit) of the Act, as they have effect in relation to the authority in question;

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

- 1) You will meet statutory requirements if you fully and accurately complete the notice of public rights pro forma in this document, and
- 2) Publish (including publication on the smaller authority's website) the following documents, the day before the public rights period commences:
 - a) the approved Sections 1 and 2 of either Form 2 or 3, whichever is relevant to your smaller authority, of the AGAR; and
 - b) the completed Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return. Please note that we have pre-completed it with the following suggested dates: Monday 3 June – Friday 12 July 2024. (The latest possible dates that comply with the statutory requirements are Monday 1 July –Friday 9 August 2024); and
 - the notes which accompany the Notice (Local authority accounts: a summary of your rights).

Smaller authority name: CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement (a) THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice
2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2024, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:	which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below
(b) MRS B. M. BELL, PARISH CLERK, CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE WAY, CRANLEIGH, SURREY GU6 8AF	(b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts
commencing on (c)Monday 3 June 2024	(c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days
and ending on (d)Friday 12 July 2024	before the date appointed in (d) below
3. Local government electors and their representatives also have: • The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and	(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July.
 The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. 	
The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.	
4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:	
PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD (sba@pkf-l.com)	
5. This announcement is made by (e) MRS B.M. BELL – PARISH CLERK	(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority

LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOUNTS: A SUMMARY OF YOUR RIGHTS

Please note that this summary applies to all relevant smaller authorities, including local councils, internal drainage boards and 'other' smaller authorities.

The basic position

The <u>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</u> (the Act) governs the work of auditors appointed to smaller authorities. This summary explains the provisions contained in Sections 26 and 27 of the Act. The Act and the <u>Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015</u> also cover the duties, responsibilities and rights of smaller authorities, other organisations and the public concerning the accounts being audited.

As a local elector, or an interested person, you have certain legal rights in respect of the accounting records of smaller authorities. As an interested person you can inspect accounting records and related documents. If you are a local government elector for the area to which the accounts relate you can also ask questions about the accounts and object to them. You do not have to pay directly for exercising your rights. However, any resulting costs incurred by the smaller authority form part of its running costs. Therefore, indirectly, local residents pay for the cost of you exercising your rights through their council tax.

The right to inspect the accounting records

Any interested person can inspect the accounting records, which includes but is not limited to local electors. You can inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records. You can copy all, or part, of these records or documents. Your inspection must be about the accounts, or relate to an item in the accounts. You cannot, for example, inspect or copy documents unrelated to the accounts, or that include personal information (Section 26 (6) – (10) of the Act explains what is meant by personal information). You cannot inspect information which is protected by commercial confidentiality. This is information which would prejudice commercial confidentiality if it was released to the public and there is not, set against this, a very strong reason in the public interest why it should nevertheless be disclosed.

When smaller authorities have finished preparing accounts for the financial year and approved them, they must publish them (including on a website). There must be a 30 working day period, called the 'period for the exercise of public rights', during which you can exercise your statutory right to inspect the accounting records. Smaller authorities must tell the public, including advertising this on their website, that the accounting records and related documents are available to inspect. By arrangement you will then have 30 working days to inspect and make copies of the accounting records. You may have to pay a copying charge. The 30 working day period must include a common period of inspection during which all smaller authorities' accounting records are available to inspect. This will be 1-12 July 2024 for 2023/24 accounts. The advertisement must set out the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights, how you can communicate to the smaller authority that you wish to inspect the accounting records and related documents, the name and address of the auditor, and the relevant legislation that governs the inspection of accounts and objections.

The right to ask the auditor questions about the accounting records

You should first ask your smaller authority about the accounting records, since they hold all the details. If you are a local elector, your right to ask questions of the external auditor is enshrined in law. However, while the auditor will answer your questions where possible, they are not always obliged to do so. For example, the question might be better answered by another organisation, require investigation beyond the auditor's remit, or involve disproportionate cost (which is borne by the local taxpayer). Give your smaller authority the opportunity first to explain anything in the accounting records that you are unsure about. If you are not satisfied with their explanation, you can question the external auditor about the accounting records.

The law limits the time available for you formally to ask questions. This must be done in the period for the exercise of public rights, so let the external auditor know your concern as soon as possible. The

advertisement or notice that tells you the accounting records are available to inspect will also give the period for the exercise of public rights during which you may ask the auditor questions, which here means formally asking questions under the Act. You can ask someone to represent you when asking the external auditor questions.

Before you ask the external auditor any questions, inspect the accounting records fully, so you know what they contain. Please remember that you cannot formally ask questions, under the Act, after the end of the period for the exercise of public rights. You may ask your smaller authority other questions about their accounts for any year, at any time. But these are not questions under the Act.

You can ask the external auditor questions about an item in the accounting records for the financial year being audited. However, your right to ask the external auditor questions is limited. The external auditor can only answer 'what' questions, not 'why' questions. The external auditor cannot answer questions about policies, finances, procedures or anything else unless it is directly relevant to an item in the accounting records. Remember that your questions must always be about facts, not opinions. To avoid misunderstanding, we recommend that you always put your questions in writing.

The right to make objections at audit

You have inspected the accounting records and asked your questions of the smaller authority. Now you may wish to object to the accounts on the basis that an item in them is in your view unlawful or there are matters of wider concern arising from the smaller authority's finances. A local government elector can ask the external auditor to apply to the High Court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, or to issue a report on matters which are in the public interest. You must tell the external auditor which specific item in the accounts you object to and why you think the item is unlawful, or why you think that a public interest report should be made about it. You must provide the external auditor with the evidence you have to support your objection. Disagreeing with income or spending does not make it unlawful. To object to the accounts you must write to the external auditor stating you want to make an objection, including the information and evidence below and you must send a copy to the smaller authority. The notice must include:

- confirmation that you are an elector in the smaller authority's area;
- why you are objecting to the accounts and the facts on which you rely;
- · details of any item in the accounts that you think is unlawful; and
- details of any matter about which you think the external auditor should make a public interest report.

Other than it must be in writing, there is no set format for objecting. You can only ask the external auditor to act within the powers available under the <u>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</u>.

A final word

You may not use this 'right to object' to make a personal complaint or claim against your smaller authority. You should take such complaints to your local Citizens' Advice Bureau, local Law Centre or to your solicitor. Smaller authorities, and so local taxpayers, meet the costs of dealing with questions and objections. In deciding whether to take your objection forward, one of a series of factors the auditor must take into account is the cost that will be involved, they will only continue with the objection if it is in the public interest to do so. They may also decide not to consider an objection if they think that it is frivolous or vexatious, or if it repeats an objection already considered. If you appeal to the courts against an auditor's decision not to apply to the courts for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, you will have to pay for the action yourself.

For more detailed guidance on public rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication Local authority accounts: A guide to your rights are available from the NAO website.

If you wish to contact your authority's appointed external auditor please write to the address in paragraph 4 of the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return.



Cashbook Reconciliation 31 March 2024

Estimated Assets over Liabilities and Reserves at year end

ASSETS		
Cashbook at 31 March 2024		
Represented by:		
Current Account	£45,827	
CCLA PSDF	£450,000	£495,827
Less unpresented payments	£0	£495,827
Plus unpresented receipts	£0	
Petty cash	£250	
Anticipated Income to year end	£0	
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LIABILITIES		
Net Expenditure Budget Required to year end including EMR		
Represented by:		
Expenditure Budget to year end		
310 General Reserve	£79,871	
321 War Memorial Fund	£882	
333 Climate Change	£0	
342 Town Twinning	£225	
343 Capital	£2,763	
344 Forward Maintenance Plan	£8,014	
345 Elections	£4,348	
346 CIL	£67,737	
347 BID	£4,331	
350 AED	£40	
351 MUGA	£44,951	
355 Youth Shelter	£6,100	
356 Snoxhall Fields parking income	£9,567	
358 Snoxhall Fields access road	£38,143	
359 Snoxhall Storage	£0	
360 Pitches	£116	
363 Signs	£0	
365 Grounds maintenance	£10,989	
366 Play park extension	£388	
369 Snoxhall Fields parking control	£1,082	
370 Centenary Garden	£5,210	
372 Village Hall architect fees	£64,474	
394 Public Conveniences	£866	
₃₉₆ D-Day	£2,740	
398 Pavilion	£27,281	
401 SERA Bins	£251	
402 Youth Council Music Club	£147	
Total EMR	£300,645	SECTION CONTINUES OF THE
		£380,516

£115,561

		s106 Remaining Funds				
				Spend		Amount
Developer	Planning Application Prescribed Use	Prescribed Use	Amonut	Amount deadline	CPC EMR Remaining	Remaining
Thakeham Homes WA/2016/1921	WA/2016/1921	Snoxhall pitch and pavilion	£33,075	£33,075 20/11/2027	868	£27,281
Crest Nicholson	WA/2016/0417	Environmental improvements	£38,143	£38,143 April 2026	898	£38,143
Crest Nicholson	WA/2017/1396	MUGA at Snoxhall Fields or Cranleigh Leisure Centre	£46,686	£46,686 26/05/2029	351	£45,070

	Neigh	Neighbourhood CIL		
Date	Amount	Received	Spend By S	Spent
01/04/20 - 30/09/20	£1,970.27	10/05/2021	31/03/2026	
01/10/20 - 31/03/21	£16,907.44	23/04/2021	31/03/2026	
01/04/21 - 30/09/21	£26,002.58	08/11/2021	30/09/2026	
01/10/21 - 31/03/22	£345.28	09/05/2022	31/03/2027	
01/04/22 - 30/09/22	£12,031.40	24/10/2022	30/09/2027	
01/10/22 - 31/03/23	£10,480.50	20/04/2023	31/03/2028	
01/04/23 - 30/09/23	£10,639.71	27/10/2023	30/09/2028	
01/10/23 - 31/03/24	£0.00			
	£78,377.18			



General Reserves Policy

April 2022

1. Introduction

Cranleigh Parish Council is required to maintain adequate Financial Reserves to meet the needs of its operations and to ensure financial security. The purpose of this policy is to set out how the Council will determine and review the level of reserves.

The Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners Guide (JPAG) (March 2022 advises:

5.30. As with any financial entity, it is essential that authorities have sufficient reserves (general and earmarked) to finance both their day-to-day operations and future plans. 5.31. Smaller authorities have no specific right to accumulate funds via the precept. All reserves should be reviewed and justified regularly (i.e. at least annually). It is good practice to transparently publish both the level and rationale of all reserves.

Sections 32 and 43 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 require local authorities to have regard to the level of reserves needed for meeting estimated future expenditure when calculating the budget requirement. However, there is no specific minimum level of reserves which an authority should hold, and it is the responsibility of the Responsible Financial Officer to advise the Parish Council about the level of reserves and to ensure that there are procedures for their establishment and use.

2. Types of Reserves

These may be categorised as either General or Specific.

2.1 General Reserves

General Reserves are funds which do not have any restrictions on their use. They cushion the impact of uneven cash flows, offset budget requirements, if necessary, or can be held in case of unexpected events or emergencies.

Setting the level of General Reserves is agreed with the Annual Budget.

JPAG (March 2022 edition) advises:

5.33. The generally accepted recommendation with regard to the appropriate minimum level of a smaller authority's general reserve is that this should be maintained at between three and twelve months of net revenue expenditure.

5.34. The reason for the wide range is to cater for the large variation in activity level between individual authorities. The smaller the authority, the closer the figure may be to 12 months expenditure, the larger the authority, the nearer to 3 months. In practice, any authority with income and expenditure in excess of £200,000 should plan towards 3 months equivalent general reserve.

The primary means of building General Reserves will be through a reallocation of funds (underspend on a completed project) and allocation from the annual budget. This will be in addition to any amounts needed to replenish reserves which have been spent in the previous year. If in extreme circumstances General Reserves were exhausted due to major unforeseen spending pressures within a particular financial year, the Parish Council would be able to draw down from its EMRs to provide short term resources.

2.2 Earmarked Reserves 'EMR's

EMRs must be held for genuine and intended purposes and their level should be subject to annual review and justification. They should be separately identified to prevent query from internal and external auditors.

EMRs are held for several reasons and shall only be used for the purpose for which they were created:

- Renewals to enable the planning and financing of an effective program of equipment replacement and property maintenance/refurbishment. The funds required are built up incrementally over several years when taking into account asset conditions and asset life. They are a mechanism to smooth expenditure without the need to vary budgets. The Council keeps this under annual review through its Forward Maintenance Plan.
- Carry forward of underspend on an uncompleted project expenditure committed to a project but not spent in the budget year. Reserves can be used as a mechanism to carry forward those resources.
- Developers Contributions proceeds from developers which can only be used for specified purposes.
- Other Earmarked Reserves these may be set up from time to time to meet known or predicted liabilities here the purpose of an Earmarked Reserve becomes obsolete, or where there is an over-provision of funds, the excess may, on the approval of the Parish Council, be transferred to other budget headings within the revenue budget, to General Reserves or to one or more other Earmarked Reserves.

EMRs will be established on a "needs" basis in line with anticipated requirements and these are to be reviewed annually when the budget is agreed.

Any decision to set up an EMR must be approved by Parish Council. If the EMRs are used to meet short term funding gaps, they must be replenished in the following financial year. However, EMRs which have been used to meet a specific liability would not need to be replenished, after having served the purpose for which they were originally set up.

3. Management and Control of Reserves

Movements in Earmarked Reserves and General Reserves shall be reported to the Parish Council as part of the quarterly Budget to Actual Report and at monthly meetings. The use of Reserves shall be approved by the Parish Council.

The level of General Reserves shall be reviewed on an annual basis during the annual budgetary review and agreed by the Parish Council. The minimum level of General Reserves shall be recommended to the Parish Council by the Responsible Financial Officer. This will form part of the recommendations for the Annual Budget and Precept request by the Parish Council.

The current level of General Reserves to be held by the Council is set at equal to between three and six months of predicted expenditure.

Earmarked Reserves shall be reviewed on an individual basis. This review will also be undertaken as part of the Annual Budgetary Review. Approval for the creation, amendment, cessation or continuation of Earmarked Reserves will be given by the Parish Council.

Policy Review: May 2023



Cranleigh Parish Council Investment Strategy

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy sets out the treasury management procedures for the monitoring of the cash flow and banking arrangements of Cranleigh Parish Council.
- 1.2 Authority reference is to the Council's Financial Regulations.
- 1.3 The Local Government Act 2003 Section 12 provides the power to invest:
 - (a) for any purpose relevant to its functions under any enactment or
 - (b) for the purpose of the prudent management of its financial affairs.

Section 15(1) of the Act requires a local authority to have regard:

- (a)to such guidance as the Secretary of State may issue, and
- (b)to such other guidance as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify for the purposes of this provision.
- 1.4 The Council acknowledges its duty of care to the community and the prudent investment of funds.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The Council's priorities are, in the following ranking order:
 - The security of capital to minimise the risk of losses.
 - (ii) The liquidity of investments to meet the cash flow needs of the Council.
 - (iii) Maximising income within the framework of the national economic situation.
- 2.2 The Council will aim to achieve a high rate of return on investments commensurate with adequate safeguards of security and liquidity.
- 2.3 The Department for Communities and Local Government maintains the borrowing of money purely to invest or to lend and make a return is unlawful and the Council will not engage in such activity.
- 2.4 The Council will monitor the risk of loss on investments by review of credit ratings on a regular basis. The Council will only invest in institutions of high credit quality based on information from credit rating agencies (as defined).

- 2.5 Investments will be spread over different providers where appropriate to minimise risk.
- 2.6 In the light of the declaration of a climate emergency by the Council in 2020, investment instruments and action should reflect ethical and ecological standards.

3. INVESTMENTS

Definition of an Investment

3.1 The definition of an investment covers all of the financial assets of a local authority as well as other non-financial assets that the organisation holds primarily or partially to generate a profit; for example, investment property portfolios. This may therefore include investments that are not managed as part of normal treasury management processes or under treasury management delegations.

Investment Objectives

- 3.2 This Investment Strategy has the following objectives in priority order:
 - Security protecting the capital sum invested from loss
 - Liquidity ensuring the funds invested are available for expenditure when needed
 - Yield income return on the investment

Specified Investments

- 3.3 Specified investments are those offering high security and high liquidity, made in sterling and with a maturity of no more than a year. Such short term investments made with the UK Government or a Local Authority (as defined) or a Town/Parish Council will automatically be Specified Investments.
- 3.4 The Council, for prudent management of its treasury balances may use Treasury Deposits with UK clearing banks Local Authorities or other Public Authorities approved public sector investment funds.
- 3.5 The choice of institution and length of deposit will be at the approval of the full Council.
- 3.6 The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return on its investments commensurate with the proper levels of security and liquidity.

Non-Specified Investments

- 3.7 A non-specified investment are non-financial assets that the organisation holds primarily or partially to generate a profit. Where a local authority holds a non-financial investment, it will normally be a physical asset that can be realised to recoup the capital invested.
- 3.8 These investments have greater potential risk examples include investment in the money market, stocks and shares. Given the unpredictability and uncertainty surrounding such investments the Council will only use this type of investment with independent financial advice.

Liquidity of Investments

- 3.9 The Council in consultation with the Responsible Financial Officer will determine the maximum periods for which funds may prudently be committed so as not to compromise liquidity.
- 3.10 Investments will be regarded as commencing on the date the commitment to invest is entered into rather than the date on which the funds are paid over to the counterparty.

Long Term Investments

3.11 Long Term Investments are defined in the Guidance is greater than 36 months.

3.12 The Council does not currently hold any funds in long term investments

4. REPORTING

4.1 The management of this policy will be by the Clerk / RFO and reported to each Council meeting.

5. CAPACITY, SKILLS AND CULTURE

5.1 The Council is committed to continuous professional development and supports its Clerk/RFO and Assistant Clerk to training and development through attendance at the Surrey Association of Local Councils Legal and Finance Day annually to keep up to date with corporate governance.

6. REVIEW

6.1 This policy will be reviewed by the Council on an annual basis prior to the start of the new financial year. Any variation to the policy will be submitted to the Council for approval.

7. PUBLICATION

7.1 A copy of this policy will be made available on the Council's website.

May 2023.

Policy Review Date: May 2024.



Risk Management Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Council recognises that it has a responsibility to take all reasonable and practical measures to safeguard its employees, the people it works with and provides services for; and to protect the natural and built environments for which it is responsible.
- 1.2 The Council is aware that some risks cannot be eliminated fully and has in place a strategy that provides a structured, systematic and focused approach to managing risk

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of the risk management policy are to:
 - Integrate risk management into the culture of the Council
 - Manage risk in accordance with best practice and legislative requirements
 - · Minimise loss, disruption, injury and damages
 - Inform policy and operational decisions by identifying risks and their likely impact
 - · Raise awareness of the need for risk management
- 2.2 These objectives will be achieved by:
 - Identification of risk
 - Undertaking risk assessments
 - · Managing the risk and recording actions
 - Incorporating risk management considerations into council processes
 - Providing appropriate training
 - Establishing clear roles, responsibilities and reporting lines
 - Effective communication with, and active involvement of, employees

May 2023.

Policy Review Date: May 2024



Direct Debits 02 May 2024

Frequency	Payee	Description
Annual	GMA – Grounds Maintenance Association	Subscription
Annual	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection registration
Annual	Wey & Arun Canal Trust	Subscription
Monthly	WBC	Building Rates
Monthly variable	EE	Mobile telephones
Monthly variable	Castle Water	Water supply
Monthly variable	Initial Washrooms	Sanitary services
Monthly variable	Octopus	Electricity and Gas
Variable	Screwfix	Misc Expense
Variable	Chipstead of Cranleigh	Fuel
Variable	SSE	Snoxhall street lighting electricity

Approved by the Finance Committee on 02 May 2024