

Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21

Utterby Parish Council

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2021, 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 2020/21 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.	✓		
I. Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	✓		
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 2019/20, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2019/20 AGAR tick "not covered")	✓		
L. The authority publishes information on a website/webpage, up to date at the time of the internal audit, in accordance with the Transparency code for smaller authorities.	✓		
M. The authority, during the previous year (2019-20) correctly provided for the period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (evidenced by the notice published on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	✓		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2019/20 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.			✓

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

06/04/2021

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

Steve Fletcher

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

12/04/2021

*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).

UTTERBY PARISH COUNCIL

Internal Audit Checklist: 6th April 2021.

Financial Period: 1st April 2020 to 28th February 2021.

CONTROL	TEST	Y/N	COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS
Assets	Asset Register	Y	Maintained by clerk.
	Updated	Y	As above
	Valuations	Y	Note: Assets should remain on asset register at purchase price
	Zero Balances	n/a	None
Attendance (Register)	Elected Members	Y	Evidenced in minutes
Budget	Process Followed	Y	Final budget 2019/20 agreed at full Council
	Reports to Council	Y	Evidence: Reported to full Council at meetings
	Variances	Y	None
Cash Book	Up to date	Y	Evidence: Reported to Council
	Balanced	Y	As above
	Discrepancies	Y	None
Cash	Records kept	Y	Evidence: Reported to Council
Credit / Debit Card	Records kept	n/a	Not applicable*
Petty Cash	Records kept	n/a	No petty cash account used
	Re-Imbursement	Y	Control measures in place
Cheque Books	Completed / countersigned	Y	Not Applicable
Cancelled Cheques	Procedure	n/a	Not Applicable
Direct Debits / Credits	Approved by Council	n/a	None
Financial Regulations	Updated / Approved	Y	Updated and approved 06.05.2020
Quotations	Lawfully sought	Y	Robust processes followed in line with legislation
Income	Promptly Banked	n/a	No income apart from precept
	Anticipated	Y	Evidenced in minutes (precept)
	Receipted	Y	Evidenced in bank statement
Internal Auditor	Appointment of	Y	Evidenced in minutes / financial regulations
Payment Controls	Invoices	Y	Evidenced in bank reconciliation folder
	Minuted	Y	Evidenced in minutes