

Shaugh Parish Council Internal Audit Report 2019



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(to be read in conjunction with the attached Internal Audit Observations)

| | Internal Control Objective | Observation | Internal Audit Response |
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| A | <i>Appropriate accounting records have been kept properly throughout the year.</i> | <i>The Council maintains its accounts using a manual cashbook a common form of record keeping for a council of this size. The accounting records reviewed were well maintained.</i> | Yes |
| B | <i>This smaller authority met its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.</i> | <i>The Council maintains a formal set of Financial Regulations which were reviewed and approved at a meeting held on 4 April 2018. A sample of bank transactions was checked and verified to source documents. VAT was correctly accounted for. The Council should refer to the attached Internal Audit Observations</i> | Yes |
| C | <i>This smaller authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.</i> | <i>The Council maintains a Risk Register which is subject to review on 4th April 2018</i> | Yes |
| D | <i>The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.</i> | <i>The Council set the precept at a meeting held on 7 February 2018. Regular budget control reports have been subject to review by Full Council</i> | Yes |

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| E | <i>Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.</i> | <i>The Council receives little income other than on the form of precept and grants. The Council is not VAT registered and does not make VATable supplies. A reclaim of VAT was received during the year.</i> | Yes |
| F | <i>Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.</i> | The Council does not maintain a petty cash. | N/A |
| G | <i>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.</i> | The Council has paid its employee under PAYE. Regular payments of tax and N.I. have been made to HMRC. | Yes |
| H | <i>Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.</i> | The Council maintains an asset register which has been updated for acquisitions in the year. The Council should refer to the attached Internal Audit Observations | Yes |
| I | <i>Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.</i> | Regular bank reconciliations have been undertaken and have been subject to independent review. The year end bank reconciliation was reviewed and agreed. The Council should refer to the attached Internal Audit Observations. | Yes |
| J | <i>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.</i> | The Council reports on a Receipts and Payments basis, consequently at year end there were no debtors or creditors recorded. | Yes |
| K | <i>IF the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2017/18, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt.</i> | The Council did not certify itself as exempt | N/A |

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| L | <i>During summer 2018 this authority has correctly provided the proper opportunity for the exercise of public rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i> | Not applicable for 2019 audit | N/A |
| M | <i>Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.</i> | <i>The Council does not act as Trustee</i> | N/A |

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