

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

We acknowledge as the members of:

ISFEND PARESE COUNCIL AUTHORITY

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 2021, that:

	Agreed		
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. 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.	✓		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
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.		✓	<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
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.	✓		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. 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.	✓		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
	✓		<i>has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>

*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:

DD/MM/YY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

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Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21

ISSUED PARISH COUNCIL

13/05/21

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. If the authority has an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000, it 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) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	Yes	No	Not applicable
	✓		

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

13/05/21

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

PETER FROST

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

13/05/21

*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).

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21 for

ISSUED PARISH COUNCIL AUTHORITY

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2020 £	31 March 2021 £	
			<i>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.</i>
1. Balances brought forward	44316	107709	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	21989	22000	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	120419	51347	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	10148	10005	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	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	68867	61532	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	107709	109519	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	107709	109519	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	39257	160046	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	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
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I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2021 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

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DD/MM/YY

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ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

(SUBJECT TO AUDIT)

1 APRIL 2020

TO

31 MARCH 2021

Isfield Parish Council

Receipts and Payments Account

Total £:

Year Ended 31 March 2021

Receipts

Precept	22000.00
Interest - Bank	1.92
Wealden S106	40723.75
Other	10621.78

73347.45

Payments

Insurances/Subs	1705.01
Salaries	8491.63
HMRC	1513.43
Rates and Overheads	569.19
Repairs and Renewals	122.33
Professional Fees	625.32
Grants	300.00
Outside Maintenance	3909.63
New Play Park	43896.30
Memorial Bench	799.50
VAT Payment	9604.98

71537.32

ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

CASH BOOK

(SUBJECT TO AUDIT)

1 APRIL 2020

TO

31 MARCH 2021

Bank Reconciliation.

£

Current Account
31.03.21

106624.45

Cheques Outstanding:

75.00
122.72
326.20
367.24
377.20

1268.36

105356.09

Premium Account 00517720

1148.38

Recreation Ground Recoupment
Fund Account 80606278

3014.98

Balance at Cash Book

109519.45

Check

Income as Cash Book
Expenditure as Cash Book

181056.77

71537.32

109519.45

These accounts include the Recreation Ground Recoupment Fund Account which is held in .
trust and cannot be spent by the Parish Council'

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Chg</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Inv</u> <u>Ref</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Subs &</u> <u>Ins</u>	<u>Wages/</u> <u>Audit</u>	<u>Rates &</u> <u>O/heads</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Outside</u> <u>Maint</u>	<u>Repairs/</u> <u>Renewals</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>VAI</u>	<u>Total</u>
26.05.20	ESALC	101444	1		230.17								230.17
26.05.20	ESCC	101445	2						485.00			97.00	582.00
26.05.20	ICO	101446	3		40.00								40.00
26.05.20	P Frost	101447	4			65.00							65.00
26.05.20	R Levett	101448	5						90.07			3.87	93.94
26.05.20	S Goacher	101449	6				160.32						160.32
26.05.20	A Stevens	101450				399.55							399.55
26.05.20	A Stevens	101451				522.15							522.15
26.05.20	ESCC	101452				357.48							357.48
29.06.20	Wealden	DD	10	0.00	270.17	1344.18	160.32	0.00	575.07	0.00	0.00	100.87	2450.61
27.07.20	Clean Corner	101453	7						125.00			25.00	150.00
27.07.20	Cancelled	101454	8										225.00
27.07.20	R Levett	101455	9										0.00
27.07.20	Cancelled	101456	10						64.29			12.86	77.15
27.07.20	A Stevens	101457											0.00
27.07.20	A Stevens	101458				521.95							521.95
27.07.20	HMRC	101459				521.95							521.95
27.07.20	ESCC	101460				367.00							367.00
27.07.20	Playdale	101461	11			357.48							357.48
27.07.20	Barcombe	101462	12						373.00		43896.30	8779.26	52675.56
27.07.20	PlaySafety	101463	13						86.00			74.60	447.60
10.08.20	Python OL	101464	8				145.00					17.20	103.20
04.09.20	Zurich	101465	14	0.00	270.17	3112.56	530.32	0.00	1223.36	0.00	43896.30	9009.79	58042.50
					77.85								77.85

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Isfield Parish Council

Cash Book Y/E 31.03.21

<u>Date</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Precept</u>	<u>Hall Hire/ Bank Int</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Banked</u>	<u>Total Income</u>
	Balance b/f					107709.32
27.04.20	Wealden	11000.00			11000.00	11000.00
29.05.20	HMRC			10621.78	10621.78	10621.78
08.06.20	Interest		0.31		0.31	0.31
08.06.20	Interest		0.81		0.81	0.81
07.09.20	Interest		0.16		0.16	0.16
07.09.20	Interest		0.42		0.42	0.42
28.09.20	Wealden	11000.00			11000.00	11000.00
26.11.20	Wealden			40723.75	40723.75	40723.75
07.12.20	Interest		0.03		0.03	0.03
07.12.20	Interest		0.08		0.08	0.08
08.03.21	Interest		0.08		0.08	0.08
08.03.21	Interest		0.03		0.03	0.03
	Total Income	22000.00	1.92	51345.53	73347.45	181056.77

Cash Book Payments either collectively or individually over £100

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Chq</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Inv</u> <u>Ref</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Subs &</u> <u>Ins</u>	<u>Wages/</u> <u>Audit</u>	<u>Rates &</u> <u>O/heads</u>	<u>Legal</u>	<u>Outside</u> <u>Maint</u>	<u>Repairs/</u> <u>Renewals</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
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04.09.20	Zurich	101465	14		77.85								77.85
28.09.20	S Smith	101466	15						175.00				175.00
28.09.20	Sup Glass	101467	16						297.31			59.46	356.77
28.09.20	Zurich	101468	17		1336.99								1336.99
28.09.20	Isfield VF	101473	18				50.91						50.91
28.09.20	Wealden	DD	20						125.00			25.00	150.00
23.11.20	Littlejohn	101475	21			400.00						80.00	480.00
23.11.20	SSALC	101477	23				90.00					18.00	108.00
23.11.20	Woodberry	101479	25								799.50	159.90	959.40
23.11.20	Isfield VH	101483		300.00									300.00
29.12.20	Wealden	DD							125.00			25.00	150.00
25.01.20	Barcombe	101485	26						918.00			183.60	1101.60
25.01.20	Chive	101486	27						720.00				720.00
25.01.20	ESCC	101487	28										58.28
25.01.21	B Ashford	101492	29				58.28		168.48				168.48
26.03.21	Wealden	DD	31						125.00			25.00	150.00

Recreation Account

Bank Reconciliation

Year End 31st March 2021

£:

£:

Cash at bank 31.03.21

5961.28

Less unrepresented cheque

20.00

5941.28

Total Inc as Cash Book 31.03.21

8662.08

Total Exp as Cash Book 31.03.21

2720.80

5941.28

Recreation Ground PaymentsYear End 31st March 2021

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Details:</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Electricity:</u>	<u>Water:</u>	<u>Cleaning:</u>	<u>Maint:</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Total:</u>
06.04.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
06.04.20	EDF	DD	209.00					209.00
04.05.20	EDF	DD	168.00					168.00
05.05.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
04.06.20	EDF	DD	168.00					168.00
05.06.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
06.07.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
06.07.20	EDF	DD	168.00					168.00
04.08.20	EDF	DD	168.00					168.00
05.08.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
04.09.20	EDF	DD	168.00					168.00
07.09.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
21.09.20	Clean Corner	100156			110.00			110.00
21.09.20	Clean Corner	100157			110.00			110.00
05.10.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
05.10.20	EDF	DD	168.00					168.00
04.11.20	EDF	DD	74.00					74.00
05.11.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
04.12.20	EDF	DD	74.00					74.00
07.12.20	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
04.01.20	EDF	DD	74.00					74.00
28.09.20	Clean Corner	100158			110.00			110.00
23.10.20	Clean Corner	100159			165.00			165.00
23.11.20	Clean Corner	100160			110.00			110.00
05.01.21	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
04.02.21	EDF	DD	74.00					74.00
05.02.21	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
04.03.21	EDF	DD	74.00					74.00
05.03.21	Castle Water	DD		21.15				21.15
10.03.21	Clean Corner	100161			275.00			275.00
			1587.00	253.80	880.00	0.00	0.00	2720.80

Recreation Ground Receipts
Year End 31st March 2021

<u>Date:</u>	Balance b/f	3251.04
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10.07.20	Rother DC	496.22
08.10.20	EDF	3369.82
21.12.20	Colts	585.00
04.01.20	Cricket Club	585.00
15.01.21	Rother DC	375.00

5411.04

Total Income:

8662.08

ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENTS AND
ASSET LIST**

2020 - 2021

ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

<u>Asset:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Year Acquired:</u>	<u>Values Ins:</u>
Pavilion and General Contents	Isfield Rec	November 1979	£ 33568.00
Street Furniture			£ 2577.00
Playground Equipment	Isfield Rec	N/K	£120000.00
The Pound	TN22 5XR	N/K	£ 1.00
Litter Bins (2)	Horsted Lane Bus stops	January 2020	£ 1500.00
Benches	Recreation Ground	2019/2020	£ 1600.00
Memorial Seat	Recreation Ground	2020	£ 800.00
			£160046.00

Isfield Parish Council Risk Assessment

Risk assessment is a systematic general examination of working conditions, workplace activities and environmental factors that will enable the Parish Council to identify any and all potential inherent risks. The Parish Council, based on a recorded assessment, will take all practical and necessary steps to reduce or eliminate the risks, insofar as is practically possible. This document has been produced to enable Isfield Parish Council to assess the risks that it faces and satisfy itself that it has taken adequate steps to minimise them.

FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT

Subject	Risk(s) identified	H/M/L	Management/control of Risk	Review/Assess/Revise
Precept	Adequacy of precept in order for the Council to carry out its Statutory duties	L	To determine the precept amount required, the Council regularly receives budget update information monthly. At the precept meeting Council receives a budget report, including actual position and projected position to the end of year and indicative figures or costings obtained by the Clerk. With this information the Council maps out the required monies for standing costs and projects for the following year and applies specific figures to budget headings, the total of which is resolved to be the precept amount to be requested from Wealden District Council. The figure is submitted by the Clerk in writing. The Clerk informs the Council when the monies are received.	Existing procedure adequate.
Financial Records	Inadequate records Financial irregularities	L	The Council has Financial Regulations which sets out the requirements.	Existing procedure adequate Review the Financial regulations when necessary

Bank and banking	Inadequate checks Banks mistakes	L	The Council has Financial Regulations which set out banking requirements Monthly reconciliation	Existing procedure adequate
Reporting and auditing	Information communication	L	Financial information is a regular agenda item and discussed/reviewed and approved at each meeting.	Existing procedure adequate
Grants	Receipt of grant	L	Parish Council does not presently receive any regular grants.	Procedure would be formed, if required
Charges-rents receivable	Payment of rents	L	The Parish Council collects no rents or charges.	Existing procedure adequate
Grants and support payable	Power to pay Authorisation of Council to pay	L	All such expenditure goes through the required Council process of approval, is minuted and listed accordingly if a payment is made using S137 powers of expenditure.	Existing procedure adequate.
Best value accountability	Work awarded Incorrectly. Overspend on services.	L M	Normal Parish Council practice would be to seek, if possible, more than one quotation for any substantial work to be undertaken. For major work competitive tenders would be sought. If problems encountered with a contract the Clerk would investigate the situation and report to the Council.	Existing procedure adequate.
Salaries and assoc. costs	Salary calculation	L	Salary is calculated via an independent payroll bureau. PAYE is paid quarterly and salary monthly by Standing Order.	Existing procedure adequate.
Employees	Fraud by staff Health and safety	L L	Requirements of Fidelity Guarantee insurance adhered to with regards to fraud. All employees to be provided adequate direction and safety equipment needed to undertake their roles	Existing procedures adequate. Monitor health and safety requirements and insurance

					annually.
VAT	Reclaiming/charging	L		The Council has Financial Regulations which set out the requirements.	Existing procedures adequate
Annual Return	Submit within time limits	L		Employers Annual Return is completed and submitted online with the prescribed time frame by the Clerk. Annual Return completed and signed by the Council, submitted to internal auditor for completion and signing then checked and sent to External Auditor within time frame.	Existing procedures adequate.
Legal Powers	Illegal activity or payments	L		All activity and payments within the powers of the Parish Council are resolved at Full Council Meetings.	Existing procedures adequate
Minutes/agendas/ Notices Statutory Documents`	Accuracy and legality	L		Minutes and agenda are produced in the prescribed manner by the Clerk and adhere to the legal requirements. Minutes are approved and signed at the next Council meeting.	Existing procedures adequate.
	Business conduct	L		Agenda displayed according to legal requirements. Business conducted at Council meetings should be managed by the Chair	Members adhere to Code of Conduct
Members interests	Conflict of interests Register of members interests	L M		Declarations of interest by members at Council meetings. Register of members interests forms reviewed regularly.	Existing procedures adequate. Members take responsibility to update register.
Insurance	Adequacy Cost Compliance Fidelity Guarantee	L L L M		An annual review is undertaken of all insurance arrangements. Employers and Employee liabilities a necessity and within policies. Ensure compliance measures are in place. Fidelity checks in place.	Existing procedure adequate. Insurance reviewed annually.
Data protection	Policy provision	L		The Parish Council is registered with the Data Protection Agency	Ensure annual renewal of registration

Freedom of Information	Policy Provision	L M	The Council has a Model Publication scheme in place. To date there have been no requests under FOI. The Parish Council is aware that if a substantial request came in it could create a number of additional hours work. The Parish Council can request a fee to supplement the extra hours	Monitor any requests made under FOI
PHYSICAL EQUIPMENT OR AREAS				
Assets	Loss or damage Risk/damage to third party (ie property)	L	An annual review of assets is undertaken for insurance provision	Existing procedures adequate
Maintenance	Poor performance of assets or amenities	L	All assets owned by the Parish Council are regularly reviewed and maintained. All repairs and relevant expenditure for any repair is actioned/authorised in accordance with the correct procedures of the Parish Council. Assets are insured.	Existing procedures adequate
Notice Board	Risk of damage	L	The Parish Council currently has three notice boards. No formal inspection procedures are in place but any reports of damage or faults are reported to the Parish Council and dealt with in accordance of the correct procedures of the Council.	Existing procedures adequate
Meeting locations	Adequacy Health & Safety	L M	The Parish Council meeting is held in a venue considered to have appropriate facilities for the Clerk, members and the general public.	Existing procedures adequate
Council records – paper	Loss through: Theft Fire damage	L M L	The Parish Council records are stored at the Clerk's home. Records include historical correspondences, minutes, insurance, bank records. The documents are stored in a lockable office.	Damage (apart from fire) and theft is unlikely and so provision is adequate.

Council records – electronic	Loss through: Theft, fire damage or corruption of computer	L M	The Parish Council electronic records are stored on a laptop held with the Clerk at her home. Back ups of electronic data is made at regular intervals	Existing procedures considered adequate
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Characteristics of Effectiveness

Yes/No Areas for Development

Evidence of Achievement

Internal Audit work is planned

Planned Internal Audit work is based on risk assessment and designed to meet the Council's needs.

Yes

Understanding the whole organisation its needs and objectives

The annual audit plan demonstrates how audit work will provide assurance for the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

Yes

Be seen as a catalyst for change.

Internal Audit supports the Council's work in delivering improved services to the community.

Yes

Add value and assist the organisation in achieving its objectives

The Council makes positive responses to Internal Audit's recommendations and follows up action where this is called for.

Yes

Be forward looking

In formulating the annual audit plan, national agenda changes are considered.

Yes

Internal audit maintains awareness of new developments in the council's devices, risk management and corporate governance arrangements.

Yes

Be challenging

Internal Audit focuses on the risks facing the Council.

Yes

Internal Audit encourages members to develop their own responses to risks, rather than relying solely on audit recommendations.

Yes

Ensure the right resources are available

Adequate resource is made available for Internal Audit to complete its work. Internal Audit understands the Council and the legal and corporate framework in which it operates.

Yes

Yes

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<u>Expected Standard</u>	<u>Evidence of Achievement</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>	<u>Areas for Development</u>
1: Scope of Internal Audit	Terms of Reference for Internal Audit were approved by Full Council. Internal Audit Work takes into account both the Council's Risk Assessment and wider Internal Audit arrangements. Internal Audit work covers the Council's anti-fraud and corruption arrangements	Yes Yes	
2: Independence	Internal Audit has direct access to those charged with governance (See Financial Regulations) Reports are made in own name to management. Internal Audit does not have any other role within the Council	Yes Yes Yes	
3: Competence	There is no evidence of a failure to carry out internal audit work ethically, with integrity and objectivity.	Yes	
4: Relationships	All responsible officers (Clerk and RFO) are consulted on the Internal Audit Plan. Respective responsibilities for officers and internal audit are defined in relation to internal control, risk assessment and fraud and corruption matters (job descriptions and engagement letter). The responsibilities of council members are understood; training of members is carried out as necessary.	Yes Yes Yes	
5: Audit Planning and Reporting	The annual internal audit plan properly takes account of all the risks facing the Council and has been approved by the Council. Internal Audit has reported in accordance with the plan.	Yes Yes	