

FORNHAM ST MARTIN cum ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL  
 Summary Year Ended 31.3.18

2017/18

**RECEIPTS**

Precepts	21750
Council Tax Support Grant	0
VAT Reclaim	1949.45
Grants/Donations	1082.86
Interest on account	20.6
Other	609.34
Bugle Advertising	1577.6
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£26,989.85</b>

**PAYMENTS**

Clerk's Salary	5393.08
Clerks Mileage	186.21
Office Expenses	65.64
Office Hire	208
SALC Payroll Service	54
Energy(Hall)	1578.28
Memberships / Subscriptions	602.65
Grass cutting and maintenance	6529.7
Audit and bank fees	276
Insurance	472.95
Training	13.2
Play Area Inspections	0
Play Area Maintenance	2659.76
Village Hall	0
S.137	18.5
Donations	1570
Contingencies / Other	5876.72
Bugle	2801.29
Litter Picking Costs	1653.45
Elections Costs	0
Waste	983.84
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£30,943.27</b>

BALANCE AT 1 APRIL 2017 £12,994.44

Total Receipts 26989.85

Total Payments 30943.27

BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2018 **£9,041.02**

Less unrepresented cheques 0

Balance c/f **£9,041.02**

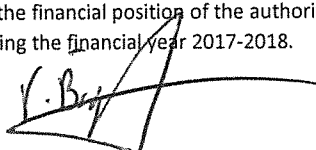
Represented by balances at bank:

Treasurer's Account 31.3.18 £9,041.02

The Accounts represent fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31st March 2018 and reflect its receipts and payments during the financial year 2017-2018.

Signed:

Responsible Financial Officer



I certify that the accounts were formally approved and adopted at the Council meeting on [ 10th May 2018]

Signed:

Chairman



<b>YE Balance at 31 March 2017:</b>					
Bank of Ireland Account					£12,994.44
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<b>Cash sheet balances:</b>					
Total Receipts					£ 26,989.85
Total Payments					£ 30,943.27
<b>Including unpresented payments/cheques:</b>					
Debits not yet on bank statement					£0.00
Deposits not yet credited to account					£0.00
					<b>£9,041.02</b>
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Bank Balances @ 29 March 2018					
Bank of Ireland account					£9,041.02
Total	Balance c/f				<b>£9,041.02</b>



Receipts	Date	Ref	From	Details	Amount	Precept	Parish Support Grant	Grants & Donations	Bank Interest	VAT	Shop Advertising	Other
	06/04/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	0.96				0.96			
	27/04/2017	Present	SEBC	Present	21750.00	21,750.00						
	09/05/2017	BACS	SALC	Transparency Fund	692.86			692.86				
	05/05/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	1.46				1.46			
	05/06/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	2.76				2.76			
	29/08/2017	335982	Cheques paid in	Bugle Income & Village Hall Electricity	697.34				2.55		48	699.34
	05/07/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	2.55				2.55			
	07/08/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	2.52				2.52			
	04/09/2017	BACS	Granny sisters	Bugle Advertising	16.00						16	
	06/09/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	1.91				1.91			
	20/09/2017	BACS	HMRC	VAT Refund	1,949.45					1,949.45		
	06/10/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	1.82				1.82			
	06/11/2017	INT	Bank Ireland	Interest	1.62				1.62			
	09/11/2017	BACS	Ab-Abr	Bugle Advertising	48.00						48.00	
	10/11/2017	BACS	A1 Cars	Bugle Advertising	43.20						43.20	
	10/11/2017	BACS	Granny sisters	Bugle Advertising	48.00						48.00	
	10/11/2017	BACS	AG Holland	Bugle Advertising	43.20						43.20	
	10/11/2017	BACS	Fred Fenning	Bugle Advertising	43.20						43.20	
	16/11/2017	BACS	Fred Fenning	Bugle Advertising	43.20						43.20	
	16/11/2017	BACS	CD Computers	Bugle Advertising	48.00						48.00	
	24/11/2017	BACS	Sharp the Spanky	Bugle Advertising	48.00						48.00	
	27/11/2017	BACS	SCC	Trim Trail Signage Grant	420.00			420.00				
	29/11/2017	BACS	Cullodan School	Bugle Advertising	96.00						96.00	
	03/12/2017	INT	Bank of Ireland	Interest	1.35				1.35			
	07/12/2017	BACS	West Suffolk Physio	Bugle Advertising	48.00						48.00	
	19/12/2017	BACS	BHG Pl	Bugle Advertising	96.00						96.00	
	05/01/2018	INT	Bank of Ireland	Interest	1.40				1.40			

Receipts	Date	Ref	From	Details	Amount	Precept	Parish Support Grant	Grants & Donations	Bank Interest	VAT	Shop Advertising	Other
	09/11/2017	1960	Mrs V Bright	Mileage & Expenses	36.01				2.80		33.21	
	09/11/2017	1961	MEB Maintenance	Phone box refurbishment	160.00							160
	09/11/2017	1962	M&T's	Grass cutting	480.00							480.00
	09/11/2017	1963	SALC	GPPA Biting	6.60						6.60	
	28/12/2017	SO	Mrs V Bright	November Salary	442.16							442.16
	11/01/2018	1964	SALC	Payroll	54.00							54.00
	11/01/2018	1965	ICO	Data Protection Registration	54.00							54.00
	11/01/2018	1966	M&T's	Grass cutting Nov-Dec	720.00							720.00
	11/01/2018	1967	Mr & Mrs L Post	Litter picking	216.66							216.66
	11/01/2018	1968	Mrs S Brooklyn	Bugle Editorship	182.50							182.50
	11/01/2018	1969	Community Workshop	Community Workshop	340.27							340.27
	11/01/2018	1970	Mr C Hall	Distributor Installation	198.00							198
	11/01/2018	1971	Mrs V Bright	Mileage & Expenses	23.68				3.36		20.52	
	11/01/2018	1972	Mr M Cullen	Male Garter ties / wreaths	48.50							
	11/01/2018	1973	Mr P Foster	Notice board repairs	20.00							
	11/01/2018	1974	Mr P Foster	Bugle Distribution	56.44							56.44
	24/01/2018	DD	SEBC	Waste	245.96							245.96
	08/02/2018	1975	Mrs V Bright	January salary	442.16							442.16
	08/02/2018	1976	Mrs S Brooklyn	Bugle Editorship	182.50							182.50
	08/02/2018	1977	Mr & Mrs L Post	Litter picking	108.33							108.33
	08/02/2018	1978	Mrs V Bright	Mileage & Expenses & overtime	58.25				4.57		20.52	
	09/02/2018	1979	Community Workshop	Bugle Printing	261.73							261.73
	10/02/2018	1979	Phasceps Ltd	Play area repairs	789.78							789.78
	14/02/2018	DD	SEBC	Grass cutting	131.63							131.63
	28/02/2018	SO	Mrs V Bright	Salary	970.37							970.37
	08/03/2018	1980	Mr & Mrs L Post	Litter picking	442.16							442.16
	08/03/2018	1981	Mrs V Bright	Mileage & expenses	108.33				3.22		20.52	
	08/03/2018	1982	Fields in Trust	Mileage & expenses	23.74							
	08/03/2018	1983	Phasceps Design Ltd	Playing field Dept of Dedication fees	380.00							380.00
	08/03/2018	1984	Mr P Barrett	Renn & Tim Trail repairs	197.44							197.44
	28/03/2018	SO	Mrs V Bright	Distributor opening, refreshments	15.69							15.69
				Salary	442.16							442.16
					5,393.08							5,393.08
					2,119.45							2,119.45
					442.16							442.16
					54.00							54.00
					208.00							208.00
					65.64							65.64
					186.21							186.21
					13.70							13.70
					6,127.92							6,127.92
					602.65							602.65
					472.55							472.55
					276.00							276.00
					401.78							401.78
					983.64							983.64
					1,570.00							1,570.00
					2,659.76							2,659.76
					1,653.45							1,653.45
					2,801.29							2,801.29
					0.00							0.00
					1,578.28							1,578.28
					5,976.72							5,976.72
					18.5							18.5

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17.01.2018	BACS	Gate	Bugle Advertising		43.20						43.20					
17.01.2018	BACS	Green Stone	Bugle Advertising		43.20						43.20					
17.01.2018	BACS	Michael Page	Bugle Advertising		43.20						43.20					
17.01.2018	BACS	bac / Hart Currency	Bugle Advertising		28.80						28.80					
18.01.2018	BACS	Hart Currency	Bugle Advertising		48.00						48.00					
18.01.2018	BACS	ECOWASH	Bugle Advertising		96.00						96.00					
19.01.2018	BACS	Gross & Co.	Bugle Advertising		96.00						96.00					
26.01.2018	442921	Cheques Paid In	Bugle Advertising		342.40						342.40					
05.02.2018	BACS	The Hearing Centre	Bugle Advertising		32.00						32.00					
05.02.2018	INT	Bank of Ireland	Interest		1.29				1.29							
05.02.2018	INT	Bank of Ireland	Interest		0.95				0.95							
16.03.2018	BACS	Stellar Pet Care	Bugle Advertising		48.00						48.00					
19.03.2018	BACS	The Clean Plumber	Bugle Advertising		40.00						40.00					
22.03.2018	BACS	Hardyma Simon	Bugle Advertising		48.00						48.00					
<b>Total</b>					<b>26,989.85</b>				<b>21,750.00</b>		<b>1,062.86</b>		<b>20.60</b>	<b>1,949.45</b>	<b>157,760</b>	<b>609.34</b>

# Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities in England Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 Part 3

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## To be completed by:

- all smaller authorities\* where either the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; and
- any other smaller authorities that either:
  - are unable to certify themselves as exempt; or
  - have requested a limited assurance review.

## Guidance notes on completing Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18

1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** complete Part 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 is completed by the authority's internal auditor.
  - Sections 1 and 2 are to 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 **before 2 July 2018**.
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 requesting a limited assurance review, **must** send to the external auditor:
  - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1, 2 and 3, together with
  - a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2018
  - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
  - your notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
  - Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18

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

Once the external auditor has completed and is able to give an opinion on the limited assurance review, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return including **Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate** will be returned to the authority.

## Publication Requirements

Smaller authorities with either income or expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** publish on a public website, under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return:

- **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18**, page 4
- **Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18**, page 5
- **Section 3 – The External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18**, page 6
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

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 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

## Guidance notes on completing Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18

- The authority **must** comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this Annual Governance and Accountability Return. *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 Annual Governance and Accountability Return is complete (i.e. no empty highlighted boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Any amendments must be approved by the authority, properly initialled and accompanied by an explanation. If the Annual Governance and Accountability Return contains unapproved or unexplained amendments, it may be returned and additional costs will be incurred.
- The authority **should** receive and note the annual internal audit report prior to approving the annual governance statement and before approving the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for completeness before sending it to the external auditor.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically requested. However, you **must** inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant email addresses and telephone numbers.
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 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 explanation.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or variances are not fully explained, additional costs will be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2017) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2018).
- Please enter the authority's name **only** in Section 3 on Page 6. **Do not complete the remainder of that section**, which is reserved for the external auditor.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, **must** set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights. From the commencement date for a single period of 30 consecutive working days, the accounts and accounting records can be inspected. Whatever period the RFO sets it **must** include a common inspection period – during which the accounts and accounting records of all smaller authorities must be available for public inspection – of the first ten working days of July.
- The authority **must** publish 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.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	✓	
	Has all additional information requested, including <b>the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights</b> , been provided for the external auditor?	✓	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	✓	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', is an explanation provided?	✓	
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?	✓	
	Has an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year been provided?	✓	
	The bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2018 is agreed to Box 8?	✓	
	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?	✓	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority is a sole managing trustee? <b>NB:</b> do not send trust accounting statements unless requested or instructed.	✓	

\*More guidance on completing this annual return is available in ***Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices***, which can be downloaded from [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk) or from [www.slcc.co.uk](http://www.slcc.co.uk) or from [www.ada.org.uk](http://www.ada.org.uk)

# Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18

FORNHAM ST MARTIN COM ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2018.

The internal audit for 2017/18 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	Agreed? Please choose one of the following		
	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.			NONE
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 and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓		
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. (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

23/4/2018

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

R. W. WILLIAMS INTERNAL AUDITOR

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

23/4/2018

\*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 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

FORNHAM ST MARTIN cum ST GENEVIEVE PARISH COUNCIL

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 2018, 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.	X		<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.	X		<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.	X		<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.	X		<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.	X		<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.	X		<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.	X		<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.	X		<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
	X		

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified.

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by this authority and recorded as minute reference:

18/05/18  
10/05/18

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

Chairman   
Clerk 

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)  
Authority web address  
www.fornhamstmartin.gne.suffolk.net / parish-council / finances

## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	
1. Balances brought forward	11,369	12,994	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	20,750	21,750	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	8,356	5,240	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	5,705	5,787	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	—	—	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	21,776	25,156	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	12,994	9,041	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	12,994	9,041	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	24,226	21,461	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	—	—	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 acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer



Date

23/04/18

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

10/05/18

and recorded as minute reference:

18/05/19:02

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where approval of the Accounting Statements is given



## Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

### 1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

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 *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2018; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work **does not** constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

### 2 External auditor report 2017/18

(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 2017/18

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 2018.

\*We do not certify completion because:

External Auditor Name

ENTER NAME OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

External Auditor Signature

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

DD/MM/YY

\*Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))