

## Part 2PM Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21

### Littleworth Parish Meeting

During the financial year ended 31 March 2021 the Parish Meeting'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 and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2020/21 has been carried out in accordance with this Parish Meeting'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 Parish Meeting.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	Y		
B. This Parish Meeting complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Y		
C. This Parish Meeting assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	Y		
D. The precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	Y		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Y		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			Y
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.			Y
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	Y		
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.	Y		
K. If the Parish Meeting certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2019/20, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the Parish Meeting had a limited assurance review of its 2019/20 AGAR tick "not covered")	Y		

L. The Parish Meeting has demonstrated that during the previous year (2019-20) it correctly provided for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations. (Evidenced by: confirmation by the Chairman that the notice has been published on a suitable website or publicly displayed in the local area.)	Yes	No
	Y	
M. The Parish Meeting has complied with the publication requirements for 2019/20 AGAR. (See AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	Y	

For any other risk areas identified by this Parish Meeting adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

20/04/21

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

MRS. STEPHANIE CLINKARD

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

20/04/21

\*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).

## Part 2PM Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

We acknowledge as the members of:

### Littleworth Parish Meeting

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’ means that this Parish Meeting:
	Yes	No	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	Yes		<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.	Yes		<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 Parish Meeting to conduct its business or manage its finances.	Yes		<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.	Yes		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this Parish Meeting’s accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this Parish Meeting and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Yes		<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.	Yes		<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls met the needs of this Parish Meeting.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	Yes		<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 Parish Meeting and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	Yes		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>

\*For any statement to which the response is ‘no’, an explanation must be published or displayed

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a Parish Meeting on:

19.05.2021

and recorded as minute reference:

5

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

Chairman

*Alice Manger*



# Part 2PM Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21 for

## Littleworth Parish Meeting

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2020 £	31 March 2021 £	
1. Balances brought forward	1312	1252	
2. (+) Precept	900	1400	Budget increased to cover the purchase of a defibrillator as agreed by parish meeting
3. (+) Total other receipts	55	1720	Grant received from County Councillor along with a contribution from the church for a parish noticeboard
4. (-) Staff costs	0	0	
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	
6. (-) All other payments	1015	2859	Purchase of a noticeboard for the parish
7. (=) Balances carried forward	1252	1513	
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	1252	1513	
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments	0	0	
10. Total borrowings	0	0	

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 Parish Meeting.

Signed by the Chairman before being presented to the Parish Meeting for approval

*Alie Morgan*

Date

17 May 2021

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

*Alie Morgan* 19.5.21

as recorded in minute reference: 5

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