

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

HALCOT 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* means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

*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:

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

Chairman

Clerk

W. A. H.

D. L. Allan

dated

18/100

21/05/18

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)
Authority web address

www.halcotvillage.co.uk

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	
1. Balances brought forward	11,745	15,548	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	17,000	17,500	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	3,758	9,657	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	1,683	2,254	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	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	15,271	13,926	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash-book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	15,548	26,525	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	15,548	26,525	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	105,339	105,662	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	0	0	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.
		✓	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

L. Allen

21/05/18

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

21/05/18

and recorded as minute reference:

18/100

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

W. Webb

Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of

Holcot Parish Council NH0128

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 (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR 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.

We have not yet completed our review work on the AGAR and supporting documentation. A final report detailing any qualifications and 'other' matters will be provided with the certificate of completion, following finalisation of the review.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

We have not yet completed our review work on the AGAR and supporting documentation. A final report detailing any qualifications and 'other' matters will be provided with the certificate of completion, following finalisation of the review.

3 External auditor certificate 2017/18

We 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:

We must complete our review work before certifying the completion of our review and the discharging of our responsibilities.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

Date

28/09/2018

* 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)

Ms Lisa Callan
Holcot Parish Council
2 Walgarth Court Holcot
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NN6 9TL

Our ref NH0128
Your ref SB04365

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06 November 2018

Dear Ms Callan

Holcot Parish Council

Completion of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2018

We have completed our review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for Holcot Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018. On 28 September 2018, we issued a report detailing the results to that date of our review of Holcot Parish Council's AGAR for the year ended 31 March 2018. We explained the reasons that we were unable to certify completion of the review at that time. We are now in a position to certify completion of the review. The final external auditor report and certificate is included for your attention as another attachment to the email containing this letter, along with a copy of Sections 1 and 2, on which our report is based. The smaller authority must consider the final external auditor report and decide what, if any, action is required.

Action you are required to take at the conclusion of the review

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234) set out what you must do at the conclusion of the review. In summary, you are required to:

- Prepare a "Notice of conclusion of audit" which details the rights of inspection, in line with the statutory requirements. We attach a pro forma notice you may use for this purpose.
- Publish the "Notice" along with the AGAR (Sections 1, 2 & 3) and our attached final report and certificate before 30 September (or as soon as possible where this date has passed), which must include publication on the smaller authority's website.
- Keep copies of the AGAR (Sections 1, 2 & 3) and the attached final report and certificate available for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum.
- Ensure that Sections 1, 2 and 3 (plus the attached final report and certificate) of the published AGAR remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of publication.

Fee

Where applicable, we enclose our second fee note for the review, which is in accordance with the fee scales set by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. Please arrange for this to be paid **at the earliest opportunity**.

Additional charges are itemised on the fee note. These arise where either we were required to issue chaser letters and/or exercise our statutory powers due to a failure to provide an AGAR; or we had to send the AGAR back for correction due to a mistake or omission by the smaller authority; or we had to seek clarification and/or correction to supporting documentation due to a mistake or omission by the smaller authority; or it was necessary for us to undertake additional work; or we had to send back documentation that was not requested.

Please return the remittance advice with your payment, which should be sent to: PKF Littlejohn LLP, Ref: Credit Control (SBA), 2nd Floor, 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4HD. Please include the reference NH0128 or Holcot Parish Council as a reference when paying by BACS.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PKF Littlejohn LLP', with a stylized flourish at the end.

PKF Littlejohn LLP

Holcot Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

<p>1. The audit of accounts for Holcot Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018 has been completed and the accounts have been published.</p> <p>2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Holcot Parish Council on application to:</p> <p>(a) _____ _____ _____ _____</p> <p>(b) _____ _____ _____</p> <p>3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £_____ (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.</p> <p>Announcement made by: (d) _____</p> <p>Date of announcement: (e) _____</p>	<p>Notes</p> <p>This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website.</p> <p>(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR</p> <p>(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised</p> <p>(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs</p> <p>(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice</p> <p>(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice</p>
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Your ref SB04365
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06 November 2018

INVOICE

Professional services rendered in connection with the following:

Limited assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2018

Additional charges (where applicable) as detailed on attached appendix A

Additional fees (where applicable) as detailed on attached appendix B £0.00

TOTAL NET £0.00

VAT @ 20% £0.00

TOTAL PAYABLE £0.00

PAYMENT IS DUE ON RECEIPT OF INVOICE

For payments by cheque, please return the remittance advice with your payment to:
PKF Littlejohn LLP, Credit Control (SBA), 2nd Floor, 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf,
London E14 4HD

For payments by credit transfer, our bank details are:-

HSBC Bank plc Sort Code: 40-02-31

Account number: 11070797

Account Name: PKF Littlejohn LLP

Please include NH0128 or Holcot Parish Council as the reference.

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