

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

We acknowledge as the members of:

WEST SWINDON 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 2019, 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.	✓		<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
			X

*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 should be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

14/05/19

and recorded as minute reference:

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

Chairman



Clerk



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

Authority web address

WWW.WESTSWINDON-PC.GOV.UK

ANNUAL RETURN - ENGLAND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019
West Swindon Parish Council Current Year

SECTION 2 - THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

I certify that the accounts contained in this return present fairly the financial position of the council, are consistent with the underlying financial records and have been prepared on the basis of Income and Expenditure.

Responsible Financial Officer



Date

24.04.19.


I confirm that these accounts are approved by the Council and recorded as council minute reference

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Dated

14.05.19

Signed on behalf of the above Council (Chair)



Date

14.05.19.

	<u>Last Year £</u>	<u>This Year £</u>	<u>General Notes for Guidance</u>
1 Balances brought forward	0	574,063	Total balances & reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the Financial Records
2 Annual Precept	798,000	814,796	Total amount of Precept income received in the year
3 Total other receipts	228,279	115,189	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the Precept
4 Staff costs	0	24,570	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 expenses
5 Loan interest/Capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on borrowings
6 Total other payments	452,216	772,778	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus employment costs (Line 4) and loan / interest expenditure / payments (Line 5)
7 Balances carried forward	574,063	706,700	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. [Must equal (1+2+3)-(4+5+6)]
8 Total Cash & Investments	534,655	643,081	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held as at 31 March
9 Total Fixed Assets	1	181,012	The recorded current book value at 31 March of all tangible fixed assets as recorded in the asset register
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balances as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (usually PWLB)

The following documents should accompany the accounts when submitted to the auditor:

- * A brief explanation of significant variations from last year to this year in Section 2;
- * Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March

West Swindon Parish Council Current Year
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2018

31st March 2018

	Operating Income	
1,025,261	Income Administration	928,938
1,018	Income Allotments	1,047
1,026,279	Total Income	929,985
Running Costs		
10,300	Payroll	79,176
175	Expenses	362
4,837	Office Administration	10,604
3,965	Computer Costs	1,935
7,278	General Administration	22,491
205	Village Events	164
0	Youth Development/Club	950
25,084	Section 137 Payments	30,778
0	Allotments	1,010
992	Public Open Spaces	749
1,049	Play Areas	167,481
385,330	Contracts	445,164
3,831	General Maintenance	1,594
9,171	Village Maintenance	31,841
0	Community Buildings	3,049
452,216	Total Expenditure	797,348
General Fund Analysis		
0	Opening Balance	574,063
1,026,279	Plus : Income for Year	929,985
1,026,279		1,504,048
452,216	Less : Expenditure for Year	797,348
574,063		706,700
0	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	0
574,063	Closing Balance	706,700

Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19

WEST SWINDON 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 2019.

The internal audit for 2018/19 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.	Not applicable No Cash Held		
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. 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. ("Not Covered" should only be ticked where the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2017/18 AGAR)			✓ Not applicable
L. 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.			Not applicable ✓
M. (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

29/11/2018 and 24/04/2019

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

NIEL ARCHER for AUDITING SOLUTIONS Ltd

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

N. J. Archer

Date

24/04/2019

*If the response is 'no' you must include a note to 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).