

**Smaller Authority Name: Blewbury Parish Council**

**NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL AUDIT**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023  
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

**1 The audit of accounts for Blewbury Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been completed and the accounts have been published.**

**2 The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector in the area of Blewbury Parish Council  
Or on application to**

**(a) Miss E Cooper**

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**(b) 41 Dibleys, Blewbury, OX11 9PU**

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**(c) [blewburypc@gmail.com](mailto:blewburypc@gmail.com) / 07968 772935**

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**3 Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £0 for each copy of the Annual Return**

**Announcement made by**

**Miss E Cooper** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Announcement**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2023** \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3 - External Auditor Report and Certificate 2022/23

In respect of **Blewbury Parish Council**

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

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>.

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 2023; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors

### 2 External auditor report 2022/23

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 the 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.

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

The Internal Auditor has signed off the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23 after Section 1 Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 was approved. This means the completed 2022/23 report was not available for review and consideration with the form. For clarity, it is presumed that the statements in Section 1 Annual Governance Statement refer to the previous year's internal audit report.

Explanations of significant variances for the boxed figures on the Accounting Statements (Section 2) were not provided with the initial submission. This document is required to be provided with the initial submission the Council should note this for future submissions.

Additional variance information needed to be requested. Explanations have been received and are acceptable, so we have no further concerns in this area.

### 3 External auditor certificate 2022/23

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 2023.

\*We do not certify completion because:

External Auditor Name



External Auditor Signature

Date

20/08/2023

## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 for


### Blewbury Parish Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £	
1. Balances brought forward	124,627	121,004	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	68,250	75,000	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	17,813	53,023	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	22,109	26,695	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	15,804	15,479	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	51,773	106,534	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	121,004	100,319	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	121,004	100,319	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	1,359,780 <del>1,359,780</del> RESTATED	1,404,302	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	156,000	145,000	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)		✓		The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			✓	The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 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

  
Date 9.6.23

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

KTH JUNE 2023

as recorded in minute reference:

10.2.2.

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

