

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 3

To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
 - are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
 - have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** complete Form 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** **must** be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - **Sections 1 and 2** **must** 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 and published on the authority website/webpage **before 1 July 2022**.
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 is requesting a limited assurance review, **must** return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2022**. Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
 - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
 - a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2022
 - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
 - notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
 - Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22

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

Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability **Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate** will be returned to the authority by email or post.

Publication Requirements

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities must publish the following information on the authority website/webpage:

Before 1 July 2022 authorities **must** publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- **Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2021/22**, approved and signed, page 4
- **Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2021/22**, approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2022 authorities **must** publish:

- Notice of conclusion of audit
- **Section 3 - External Auditor Report and Certificate**
- **Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR** including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review.

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.

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22

- The authority **must** comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR. *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 AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. If the AGAR 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 before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness before returning it to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2022.
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) must be approved on the same day or before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) must certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority must in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- The RFO is required to commence the public rights period as soon as practical after the date of the AGAR approval.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically requested. However, **you must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.**
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the AGAR 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 full variance.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or variances are not fully explained, additional costs may be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2021) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2022).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, **must** set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights of 30 consecutive working days which **must** include the first ten working days of July.
- The authority **must** publish on the authority website/webpage 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 **before 1 July 2022**.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	X	
	Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights , been provided for the external auditor?	X	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	X	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', has an explanation been published?	X	
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?	X	
	Has an explanation of significant variations been published where required?	X	
	Has the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2022 been reconciled to Box 8?	X	
	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?	X	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? NB: do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	X	

Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2022, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2021/22 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	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.	✓		
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 bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	✓		
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 2020/21, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2020/21 AGAR tick "not covered") N/A because income over £25k			
L. The authority publishes information on a free to access website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with any relevant transparency code requirements	✓		
M. The authority, during the previous year (2020-21) correctly provided for the period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (evidenced by the notice published on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	✓		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2020/21 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	✓		
O. (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

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

02/05/2022

DERRICK MCKE

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

D L A Moore

Date 02/05/2022

*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 2021/22

We acknowledge as the members of:

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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 2022, 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.	X		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	X		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
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		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
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		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
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		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	X		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.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	X		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
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		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
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 must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

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

18/05/22

and recorded as minute reference:

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

Chairman

SP Water

Clerk

Graham Boulton

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 for

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2022 £	
1. Balances brought forward	9,602	16,051	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	19,000	20,000	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	8,602	21,555	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	7,142	7,139	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	718	718	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	13,293	12,510	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	16,051	37,239	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	16,051	37,239	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	26,348	26,578	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	1,390	704	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	N/A
		X	
			The Council, as a body corporate, 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 2022 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

Graham Bould

Date

18/05/22

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

18/05/22

as recorded in minute reference:

50/22/1

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

SP Jahn

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2021/22

In respect of

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

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 2022; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2021/22

(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 2021/22

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 2022.

*We do not certify completion because:

External Auditor Name

ENTER NAME OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DD/MM/YY

Contact details

Name authority: STOKE UPON TERN^{of} PARISH COUNCIL smaller

County Area (local councils and parish meetings only): SHROPSHIRE

Please complete this form and send it back to us with the AGAR or exemption certificate

	Clerk/RFO (Main contact)	Chair
Name	GRAHAM BOULD	PETE WATERS
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BANK RECONCILIATION
STOKE UPON TERN MARCH 2022

Financial year ending 31.3.22		
Prepared by G Bould Clerk	14/04/22	
Bank balance/ statement 31.3.22		:37,252.98 ✓
Current account		:37,252.98
TOTAL		:37,252.98
Unrepresented cheques. 31.3.21		
100767	Peter Bartram	13.99 ✓
True balance		:37,238.99 ✓
CASH BOOK		
Opening balance 1.4.21		:16,050.69 ✓
Receipts		:41,555.89 ✓
Payments		:20,367.59 ✓
Closing balance		:37,238.99 ✓

Opening balance

£16,050.69

Date	Cheque no	Particulars	Receipts	Payments
01/04/2021	CR	cancelled cheques 100712, 100713, 100714	✓ £324.00	
01/04/2021	100727 ✓	S A Robinson (travel)		£102.60
06/04/2021	CR ✓	Advert IBA + BO UK LTD (72:20/21)	✓ £45.00	
23/04/2021	CR ✓	Shropshire Council (precept)	✓ £20,000.00	
23/04/2021	DD	SWALEC		£131.80
05/05/2021	CR ✓	Shropshire Council (NF-CIL)	✓ £16,759.56	
11/05/2021	CR ✓	HMRC (VAT)	✓ £1,311.91	
19/05/2021	100728 ✓	Derrick Moore (internal audit)		£80.75
19/05/2021	100729 ✓	Peter Bartram (toner)		£16.99
19/05/2021	100730 ✓	ICCM (membership)		£95.00
19/05/2021	100731 ✓	Zurich Municipal (insurance)		£309.15
19/05/2021	100732 ✓	SALC (fees)		£567.40
19/05/2021	100733 ✓	Allsorts Design & Print Ltd (newsletter)		£334.40
19/05/2021	100734 ✓	Clerk (expenses)		£193.12
19/05/2021	100735 ✓	Pete Waters (travel)		£27.00
19/05/2021	100736 ✓	Clerk (Q1 salary)		£1,784.90
24/05/2021	DD	SWALEC		£139.97
21/06/2021	DD	ICO (data protect)		£35.00
21/06/2021	DD	SWALEC		£119.55
05/07/2021	SO	PWLB (loan)		£358.94
19/07/2021	DD	SWALEC		£127.73
21/07/2021	100737 ✓	David Probert (notice board repairs)		£55.00
21/07/2021	100738 ✓	Keith Newby (equipment)		£347.19
21/07/2021	100739 ✓	Clerk (expenses)		£125.98
21/07/2021	100740 ✓	Reimbursement from cancelled cheques as above (712, 713, 714)		£324.00
03/08/2021	CR ✓	Advert Feet Glorios Feet (77:21/22)	✓ £45.00	
13/08/2021	CR ✓	Advert N Aldritt Pest Control (76: 21/22)	✓ £45.00	
20/08/2021	DD	SWALEC		£135.89
23/08/2021	CR ✓	Shropshire Council (grant)	✓ £1,500.00	
20/09/2021	DD	SWALEC		£126.02
22/09/2021	100741 ✓	ICCM (training)		£96.00
22/09/2021	100742 ✓	Stoke on Tern Parish Hall Committee (room hire)		£70.00
22/09/2021	100743 ✓	DM Payroll Services Ltd (payroll)		£40.00
22/09/2021	100744 ✓	PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit)		£240.00
22/09/2021	100745 ✓	Allsorts Design & Print Ltd (leaflets)		£80.00
22/09/2021	100746 ✓	Clerk (Q2 salary)		£1,784.90
22/09/2021	100747 ✓	Clerk (expenses)		£239.62
22/09/2021	100748 ✓	The Glebe (rental)		£67.50
23/09/2021	CR ✓	Zoom repayment	✓ £143.88	
12/10/2021	CR ✓	Funeral fees	✓ £925.00	
18/10/2021	DD	SWALEC		£6.54
21/10/2021	DD	SWALEC		£138.93
17/11/2021	100749 ✓	newsletter (reclaim)		£229.40
17/11/2021	100750 ✓	Royal British Legion (grant)		£17.00
17/11/2021	100751 ✓	Pete Waters (travel)		£40.90
17/11/2021	100752 ✓	Stoke on Tern Parish Hall Committee (room hire)		£90.00
17/11/2021	100753 ✓	Highline Electrical Ltd (street light repairs)		£151.66
17/11/2021	100754 ✓	Clerk (Q3 salary)		£1,784.00
17/11/2021	100755 ✓	Clerk (expenses)		£354.51
17/11/2021	100756 ✓	Dutton Close RA (grant)		£500.00
17/11/2021	100757 ✓	DM Payroll Services Ltd (payroll)		£40.00
19/11/2021	DD	SWALEC		£151.57
20/12/2021	DD	SWALEC		£146.71
22/12/2021	DR	Bank Charges November 2021		£12.00
04/01/2022	SO	PWLB (loan)		£358.94
17/01/2022	CR ✓	Advert Rogers (80: 21/22)	✓ £45.00	
19/01/2022	100758 ✓	K G Landscaping (grass cutting)		£1,128.00
19/01/2022	100759 ✓	David Probert (A41 footpath)		£310.00
19/01/2022	100760 ✓	Highline Electrical Ltd (street light repairs)		£357.60
19/01/2022	100761 ✓	Clerk (expenses)		£114.45
19/01/2022	100762 ✓	Allsorts Design & Print Ltd (newsletter)		£229.40
19/01/2022	100763 ✓	Wistanswick Community Champions (CC contract)		£672.50
19/01/2022	100764 ✓	Hearcote Community Champions (CC contract)		£672.50
19/01/2022	100765 ✓	Eaton upot Tern Community Committee (CC contract)		£672.50
19/01/2022	100766 ✓	Dutton Close RA (CC contract)		£672.50
22/01/2022	DR	Bank Charges December 2021		£13.00
24/01/2022	DD	SWALEC		£165.48
31/01/2022	CR ✓	Advert Rix (79: 21/22)	✓ £45.00	
14/02/2022	CR ✓	Advert Owen (84: 22/23)	✓ £45.00	
21/02/2022	DD	SWALEC		£137.31
22/02/2022	DR	Bank Charges January 2022		£16.00
16/03/2022	100767 ✓	Peter Bartram (toner)		£13.99
16/03/2022	100768 ✓	The Glebe (rental)		£67.50
16/03/2022	100769 ✓	Highline Electrical Ltd (street light repairs)		£221.10
16/03/2022	100770 ✓	Clerk (Q4 salary)		£1,784.90
16/03/2022	100771 ✓	Allsorts Design & Print Ltd (newsletter)		£229.40
16/03/2022	100772 ✓	Highline Electrical Ltd (street light repairs)		£53.10

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Smaller authority name:

STOKE UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION
OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE &
ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement <u>18th MAY 2022</u> (a) 2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2022, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to: (b) <u>GRAHAM BOULD (CLERK) 18 MENDIP CLOSE</u> <u>LITTLE DAWNEY, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE TF4 3UG</u> <u>07792 300702 stokeparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk</u> commencing on (c) <u>Monday 13 June 2022</u> and ending on (d) <u>Friday 22 July 2022</u> 3. Local government electors and their representatives also have: • The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and • The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only. 4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is: PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD (sba@pkf-l.com) 5. This announcement is made by (e) <u>Graham Bould.</u> <u>CLERK</u>	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below (b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts (c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below (d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July. (e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority