Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement

Explanation for each "No" Response and Action to be Taken

Assertion 1

Please see attached email from BDO. Council are investing in training for Members and the Clerk/RFO and have sourced external support from JT Audit & Accounting (See Management Briefing) who will continue to support the council moving forward.

Assertion 2

Members could only recall carrying out one Member led internal audit and had not seen sight of detailed bank statements. Council are being supported by a qualified locum clerk who will carry out a full governance review and put a check list in place for the Clerk/RFO and Members to ensure future compliance.

Assertion 4

Due to the delay in finalising the year end accounts, the right to inspect the accounts was not in accordance with the Account & Audit Regulations. Please see Assertion 1 and 2 for how the Council will address these weaknesses.

Assertion 5

Members were not aware of any risk assessment register or assessment taking place. Please see Assertion 1 and 2 for how the Council will address these weaknesses.

Assertion 6

Members were not aware of the need to assess the competence of the internal auditor and there is no minute to reflect this when appointing the internal auditor.

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