

Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2023 24

Explanation for 'No' response to Statement 1

Following an unforeseen absence of the Clerk due to urgent medical leave the Parish Council were required to request an extension for the statutory deadline for submitting our Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Whilst the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP confirmed that they were able to extend the submission deadline to 31 July, they do not have any powers to amend statutory deadlines, including the statutory approval deadline of 30 June 2024.

As the Council were unable to meet before the end of June to approve the AGAR, the Council did not meet their statutory requirements for the year 2023/24.

Therefore, the Council is required to answer 'No' to Statement 1 of Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2023 24 and publish the reason for the 'No' response.

This matter will be raised as an "other matter" in Section 3, External Auditor's Report & Certificate 2023/24 following completion of the limited assurance review.