

Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2018/19

In respect of **Winscombe And Sandford Parish Council – AV0131**

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

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 2019; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work **does not** constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

2 External auditor report 2018/19

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR 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.

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

None

3 External auditor certificate 2018/19

We 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 2019.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

PKF Littlejohn LLP

Date

28/08/2019

* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2018/19 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)



WINSCOMBE & SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of conclusion of the audit

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March 2019

*Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)*

1. The audit of accounts for Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2019 has been completed and the accounts have been published.
2. The Annual governance and Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council on application to:

Mrs. L Rampton (Clerk to the Council)
Winscombe & Sandford Parish Council
Winscombe Community Centre, 11 Sandford Road
Winscombe, North Somerset. BS25 1JA
Tel: 01934 844257
Email: clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk

Between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 12 noon, Mondays to Fridays.

3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £0.35 for each copy of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return

This announcement is made by: *Lynne Rampton*

Mrs. L Rampton (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer to the Parish Council)

Date of announcement: 29th August 2019