

## **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023 - Explanation**

‘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’.

**No**

Explanation – At the start of the financial year there were some issues that were not compliant with proper practice. Agreements away from meetings made in round robin emails. Decisions made out of council meetings.

‘We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit’.

**No**

Explanation – Non compliance with External Auditor’s report on 2021/22 accounts. Since this was not received until November 2022, it was not possible for there to have been compliance prior to that time.

‘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’.

**No**

Explanation – the majority of the year was spent in retrieving the unfortunate situation at the beginning of the year. Given the ongoing nature of necessary changes in governance and procedures, it was not possible to complete a thorough assessment of whether there remained any outstanding issues which might cause a negative financial impact on the council.

(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’

**No**

Explanation – Late admissions for the charity commission