



## Bardney Group Parish Council

Explanatory statements in respect of 'NO' responses to Section 1 The Annual Governance Statements

Assertion	Explanation
1.	<p>Bank reconciliations during the year did not fully reflect a clear bank reconciliation, more a list of payments.</p> <p>During the reporting period, there had been a significant, turnover of staff and Councillors, which had led to a considerable loss of corporate knowledge with regard to the financial requirements.</p> <p>A new and experienced Clerk/RFO had now been employed and Council had more procedures being considered.</p>
2.	As above.
3.	<p>As above.</p> <p>Also, a full review of Standing Orders and the newest version of Financial Regulations had been undertaken.</p>
6.	<p>During the reporting period, there had been a significant, turnover of staff and Councillors, which had led to a considerable loss of corporate knowledge with regard to the financial requirements.</p> <p>An internal Auditor wasn't appointed until the end of the AGAR period so regular 'in year' checks had not been carried out.</p> <p>Council now understands the importance of engaging an Internal Auditor from the beginning of the AGAR period to the end, and not just the end.</p>
7.	<p>During the reporting period, there had been a significant, turnover of staff and Councillors, which had led to a considerable loss of corporate knowledge and any matters raised previously had not been seen or actioned.</p>
8.	<p>Although they could not foresee any issues, they had not, throughout the year, considered any of the issues listed.</p>