

Kirby Muxloe Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2018

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

<p>1. The audit of accounts for Kirby Muxloe Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2018 has been concluded and the accounts have been published.</p> <p>2. The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Kirby Muxloe Parish Council on application to:</p> <p>(a) <u>R. ATKINSON - PARISH CLERK KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL STATION ROAD KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICS. LE9 2EN</u></p> <p>(b) <u>MONDAY - FRIDAY 10AM - 1PM (BY APPOINTMENT)</u></p> <p>3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of <u>50p</u> for each copy of the Annual Return.</p>	<p>Notes</p> <p>This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the Annual Return must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the body's website.</p> <p>(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the Annual Return</p> <p>(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised</p> <p>(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs</p> <p>(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice</p> <p>(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice</p>
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Final External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18 in respect of Parish Council LE0134

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 2018; 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.

External auditor report 2017/18

On 24 September 2018, we issued a report detailing the results of our limited assurance review of Sections 1 and 2 of this authority's Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2018. We explained that we were unable to certify completion of the review at that time. We are now in a position to certify completion of the review.

The external auditor report given in Section 3 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return requires amendments as follows:

Except for the matters reported below, 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.

Section 1, Assertions 2 and 3 have been incorrectly completed. Faults and errors in the payroll system have resulted in mandatory reports not being submitted to HMRC on time. This is consistent with the internal auditor's response to internal control objective G on the Annual Internal Audit Report. The smaller authority has taken action to address this area of weakness.

Following the additional work carried out as a result of objections received to the 2015/16 - 2021/22 AGARs, we issued a public interest report (PIR) on 11 December 2026 regarding the governance issues identified covering:

- Management of Council meetings;
- Financial management;
- Other aspects of corporate governance;
- Provision of information to members of the public;
- Appointment of a consultant;
- Consideration of audit findings;
- Councillor training; and
- Engagement with objectors.

The Council has a statutory duty to publish the PIR, hold a public meeting to consider the PIR and publish its decisions from that meeting.

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

During the consideration of the objections to the seven open years noted above, we were appointed to carry out the limited assurance reviews of the 2015/16 and 2016/17 AGARs. As a result, we have not reviewed any evidence to support the prior year comparatives on the AGAR for 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 due to the lack of available information from the previously appointed external auditors and the Council.

We received challenge correspondence in relation to the 2017/18 AGAR which we considered before completing our work. The authority will receive an invoice in relation to this additional work.

External auditor certificate 2017/18

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2018.

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04/02/2026

Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of

Kirby Muxloe Parish Council LE0134

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 2018; 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 2017/18

Except for the matters reported below, 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.

We are unable to complete our review work on the AGAR and supporting documentation as a result of challenge correspondence received in relation to 2017/18. A final report detailing any qualifications and 'other' matters will be provided with the certificate of completion, following finalisation of the review work and the additional work required in relation to the challenge correspondence and receipt of confirmation from the previous external auditors of the certification of completion of their 2016/17 work.

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

We are unable to complete our review work on the AGAR and supporting documentation as a result of challenge correspondence received in relation to 2017/18. A final report detailing any qualifications and 'other' matters will be provided with the certificate of completion, following finalisation of the review work and the additional work required in relation to the challenge correspondence and receipt of confirmation from the previous external auditors of the certification of completion of their 2016/17 work.

3 External auditor certificate 2017/18

We do not 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 2018

We do not certify completion because:

We have received correspondence bringing information to our attention that we must consider before certifying the completion of our review and the discharging of our responsibilities. We must also wait until the 2016/17 certificate of completion has been issued by the previous external auditors before certifying the completion of our review and the discharging of our responsibilities.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

PKF Littlejohn LLP

Date

24/09/2018

* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018, that:

Agreed		
	Yes	No*
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓	
3. 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.	✓	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓	
8. 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.	✓	
9. (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.	Yes	No
		N/A

Yes means that this authority prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.

has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.

during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.

considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.

arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.

responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.

disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.

has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified.

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by this authority and recorded as minute reference:

COU/037/18-19
dated 21/06/18

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval is given:

Chairman

R. Lee

Clerk

E. Lee

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)
Authority web address

Kirbymuxloe - pc. org. uk

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance	
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £		
1. Balances brought forward	52,058	195,955	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.	
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	158,586	163,029	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.	
3. (+) Total other receipts	103,547	104,547	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.	
4. (-) Staff costs	33,359	43,306	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.	
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).	
6. (-) All other payments	134,877	195,562	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).	
7. (=) Balances carried forward	145,955	174,662	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).	
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	129,227	204,331	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.	
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	340,288	340,288	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.	
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).	
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #0070C0; padding: 2px 10px; margin: 0 10px;"></div> </div>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.</p> <p>N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.</p>

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date

21/06/18

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

21/06/18

and recorded as minute reference:

COU/035/18-19

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where approval of the Accounting Statements is given