

Winterborne St Martin Parish Council

Statement of Assurance

2021-22

Internal Auditor: Ian Wigglesworth

External Auditor: PKF Littlejohn

Members of the Parish Council formed a Budget Working Group to carry out a review of the Council's internal audit process at its meeting on 10th Nov 21 and its effectiveness will be confirmed.

In undertaking this review the following areas have been considered:

1. The scope of the internal audit
2. The independence of the Council's Internal Auditor
3. The competence of the Internal Auditor- agreed by NALC
4. The relationship between the Internal Auditor and the Council
5. Audit planning and reporting

Comments:

1. The scope of the internal audit as detailed on the Annual Return is considered to be effective for Winterborne St Martin PC meeting on 25th November 21
2. The Council's Internal Auditor does not have any other role within the Council, i.e. is independent of members of the Parish Council and the Clerk, but does maintain contact with the Clerk. The Internal Auditor will be made aware of the details of the budget and all decisions made by the PC to regarding the PC finances.
3. The Internal Auditor's qualifications will be appropriate. The Internal Auditor will have experience in auditing accounts. There is no evidence of failure to carry out the internal audit work ethically, with integrity and objectivity.
4. The Clerk/RFO has been consulted on the internal audit plan.
5. The annual internal audit report and risk assessment properly take into account all of the risks facing the Council and will be approved by the Council.

Michele Harding
Clerk & RFO

25th November 2021