

Internal Audit Report

(to be read in conjunction with the Annual Internal Audit Report in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return)

Name of council:	Wappenham Parish Council		
Name of Internal Auditor:	Lynn Lavender	Date of report:	10 th May 2021
Year ending:	31 March 2021	Date audit carried out:	8 th May 2021

Internal audit is the periodic independent review of a council's internal controls resulting in an assurance report designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the activities and operating procedures under the council's control. Managing the council's internal controls should be a day-to-day function of the council through its staff and management and not left for internal audit. It would be incorrect to view internal audit as the detailed inspection of all records and transactions of a council in order to detect error or fraud. This report is based on the evidence made available to me and consequently the report is limited to those matters set out below.

The council is required to take appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit and to respond to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit. Failure to take appropriate action may lead to a qualified audit opinion.

To the Chairman of the Council:

I completed the year-end audit review of Wappenham Parish Council on 8th May 2021. I would take this opportunity to thank Liz Hart, the Parish Clerk, for her help and assistance.

I reviewed the information available on www.wappenham.net. I was able to access a well ordered and detailed set of documents and records. By examination of these documents & records plus further questioning, I tested aspects of the Council's internal controls as required for the Internal Audit section of the Annual Return Part 2. I am satisfied that effective policies and procedures together with systems to manage, monitor and control the Council's business are in place. Accordingly, I was able to answer 'yes' to all relevant questions and have signed the Return as required.

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Yours sincerely,



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The figures submitted in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return are:

	Year ending 31 March 2020	Year ending 31 March 2021
1. Balances brought forward	3555	3631
2. Annual precept	3068	3147
3. Total other receipts	13	262
4. Staff costs	2042	2098
5. Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-
6. Total other payments	963	1329
7. Balances carried forward	3631	3613
8. Total cash and investments	3631	3613
9. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	3676	3971
10. Total borrowings	-	-

The proper practices referred to in Accounts and Audit Regulations are set out in *Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England (2021)*. It is a guide to the accounting practices to be followed by local councils and it sets out the appropriate standard of financial reporting to be followed. A copy of the guide is available for free download from:

<https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/practitioners-guide-2021.pdf>