Corringham Parish Council

AGAR Documents 2018-19

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 Part 2

To be completed only by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other smaller authorities* where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review

Guidance notes on completing Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19

- 1. Every smaller authority in England where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less must following the end of each financial year, complete Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with Proper Practices, unless the authority:
 - a) does not meet the qualifying criteria for exemption; or
 - b) does not wish to certify itself as exempt
- 2. Smaller authorities where the higher of gross annual income or gross annual expenditure does not exceed £25,000 and that meet the qualifying criteria as set out in the Certificate of Exemption are able to declare themselves exempt from sending the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor for a limited assurance review provided the authority completes:
 - a) The Certificate of Exemption, page 3 and returns a copy of it to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both); and
 - b) The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Part 2) which is made up of:
 - Annual Internal Audit Report (page 4) to be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - Section 1 Annual Governance Statement (page 5) to be completed and approved by the authority.
 - Section 2 Accounting Statements (page 6) to be completed and approved by the authority. NOTE: Authorities certifying themselves as exempt SHOULD NOT send the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor.
- 3. The authority must approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement before approving Section 2 Accounting Statements and both must be approved and published on a website before 1 July 2019.

Publication Requirements

Smaller authorities must publish various documents on a public website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. These include:

- Certificate of Exemption, page 3
- Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19, page 4
- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2018/19, page 5
 Section 2 Accounting Statements 2018/19, page 6
- Analysis of variances
- Bank reconciliation
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Limited Assurance Review

Providing the authority certifies itself as exempt, and completes and publishes the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, there is no requirement for the authority to have a limited assurance review.

Any smaller authority may, however, request a limited assurance review. In these circumstances the authority should not certify itself as exempt, and not complete the Certificate of Exemption, but complete Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 and return it to the external auditor for review together with the supporting documentation requested by the external auditor.

The cost to the smaller authority for the review will be £200 +VAT.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Guidance notes on completing Part 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19, Sections 1 and 2

- An authority that wishes to declare itself exempt from the requirement for a limited assurance review
 must do so at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2019. It should not submit its Annual Governance
 and Accountability Return to the external auditor. However, as part of a more proportionate regime, the
 authority must comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.
- The authority must comply with Proper Practices in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this Annual
 Governance and Accountability Return and the Certificate of Exemption. Proper Practices are found in
 the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to time and contains everything needed to prepare
 successfully for the financial year-end.
- The authority should receive and note the annual internal audit report if possible prior to approving the annual governance statement and before approving the accounts.
- Make sure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is complete (i.e. no empty highlighted boxes), and is properly signed and dated. Avoid making amendments to the completed annual return. Any amendments must be approved by the authority and properly initialled.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for completeness at the meeting at which it is signed off.
- You should inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant email addresses and telephone numbers.
- It is recommended that the authority has numerical and narrative explanations for significant variances in the accounting statements on page 6, should a question be raised by a member of the public. There is guidance provided in the *Practitioners' Guide** that may assist.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2018) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2019).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, must set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights. From the commencement date for a single period of 30 consecutive working days, the approved accounts and accounting records can be inspected. Whatever period the RFO sets must include a common inspection period during which the accounts and accounting records of all smaller authorities must be available for public inspection of the first ten working days of July.
- The authority must publish the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor before 1 July 2019.

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements									
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes been completed?	1							
	Have the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights been published?								
Internal Audit Report	ternal Audit Report Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?								
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', is an explanation available should a question be raised by a local elector and/or an interested party?								
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?								
	Is an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year available, should a question be raised by a local elector and/or an interested party?	✓							
	Is an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 available, should a question be raised by a local elector and/or an interested party?	1							
Sections 1 and 2 Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? (Local Councils only)									

^{*}Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices, can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

Certificate of Exemption - AGAR 2018/19 Part 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2019, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, **provided** that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2019 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2018/19, the higher of the authority's gross income for the year **or** gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000

Annual gross income for the authority 2018/19:

£18,346

Annual gross expenditure for the authority 2018/19:

£10,556

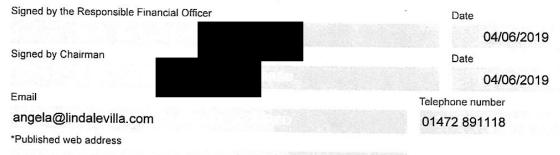
There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be unable to certify itself as exempt, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt and it must submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of £200 +VAT will be payable.

By signing this Certificate of Exemption you are confirming that:

- The authority has been in existence since before 1st April 2015
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2017/18), the external auditor has not:
 - · issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor **either** by email **or** by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Annual Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate, published on a public website* before 1 July 2019. By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.



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ONLY this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor.

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Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19

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This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation **during** the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

The internal audit for 2018/19 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Agreed one of	se choose owing	
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	1		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	1		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	1		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	1		
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	√		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	1		
Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	1		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	1		
K. IF the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2017/18, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. ("Not Covered" should only be ticked where the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2017/18 AGAR)	1		
L. During summer 2018 this authority has correctly provided the proper opportunity for the exercise of public rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			Not applicab

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken	Name of person who carried out the internal audit
140519	LINDA SUHHERS
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit	Date 14 0519

^{*}If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

^{**}Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

We acknowledge as the members of:

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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 2019, that:

	Agi	reed					
	Yes	No	'Yes' m	eans that this authority:			
 We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements. 	✓			ed its accounting statements in accordance a Accounts and Audit Regulations.			
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	1			proper arrangements and accepted responsibility aguarding the public money and resources in ge.			
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.	V			ly done what it has the legal power to do and has ad with Proper Practices in doing so.			
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.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportu- inspect and ask questions about this authority's accoun				
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.	1		considered and documented the financial and other risks faces and dealt with them properly.				
 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems. 	1		arranged for a competent person, independent of the finan- controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whe internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority				
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	1		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal an 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.	1		disclosed everything it should have about its business act during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.				
(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	Yes No N/A has met all of its responsibilities where as corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a or trusts.						
financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.			1				

^{*}For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation should be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:	Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting what approval was given:					
04/06/2019						
and recorded as minute reference:	Chairman					
13.19.3	Clerk					

Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2018/19 for

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	Year e	nding	Notes and guidance						
	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2019 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.						
Balances brought forward	11,360	5,369	Box 7 of previous year.						
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	6,400	7,000	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.						
3. (+) Total other receipts	1,086	11,346	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	2,235	2,162	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.						
(-) 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	11,242	8,394	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).						
7. (=) Balances carried forward	5,369	13,159	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).						
Total value of cash and short term investments	5,369	13,159	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.						
Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	12,581	12,581	The value of all the property the authority owns - it is made						
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) E re Trust funds (including cha	Disclosure note ritable)	Yes No	The Council as a body corporate acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.						
		✓	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.						

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2019 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority. Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

04/06/2019

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

04/06/2019

as recorded in minute reference:

13.19.4

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

Date

Corringham Parish Council - Reconciliation as at 31/03/19

Balance B/fwd 01/04/17		£ 5,368.73	
Plus Income		18,346.14	
		23,714.87	
Minus Expenditure		10,556.28	
Closing Balance		13,158.59	
Bank Reconciliation			
Bank Statement	26/03/2019	13,158.59	
Less cheques not presented			
Plus Receipts not yet cleared			
CASH AT BANK		 13,158.59	
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	Corringham Pa	arish Council - \	Variances Ex	Corringham Parish Council - Variances Explained 2018/19	
	2018	2019	Variance	2019 Variance % Variance	Explanation (over 15%)
Box 2 Precept	6,400	2,000	009	9.4%	
					Receipt of NDP Grant of £8,603 in 2018/19. Also additional cemetery fees of £680 and additional vat
Box 3 Other Receipts	1,086	11,346	10,260	944.8%	944.8% receipts of £1,127 in 2018/19.
Box 4 Staff Costs	2,235	2,162	- 73	-3.3%	
Box 5 Loan Int and Cap					
Repayments		-			
Box 6 Other Payment	11,243	8,394	2,849	-25.3%	-25.3% Purchase of speed sign at £2,881 in 2017/18.
Box 9 Fixed Assets	12,581	12,581	·	0.0%	
Box 10 - Total Borrowings	1	1	1		

		Bank Statement	Number							75											
		Total																			18,346.14
		Grants									8,603.00										8,603.00
		VAT					1,253.14														1,253.14
Council	61	Allotments										00.09		00.09	300.00	00.09	50.00				230.00
Corringham Parish Council	Income - 2018/19	Cemetery			100.00	170.00		100.00	240.00	85.00			55.00					55.00	100.00	55.00	960.00
Corringh	lnc	Precept		7,000.00																	7,000.00
		Amount		7,000.00	100.00	170.00	1,253.14	100.00	240.00	85.00	8,603.00	90.09	55.00	00.09	300.00	60.00	50.00	55.00	100.00	55.00	18,346.14
		Description		Precept	Cemetery	Cemetery	26/05/2018 VAT Refund	Cemetery	Cemetery	Cemetery	26/09/2018 Locality Grant	Hardwick	SP Davies	Reeves	Parr	East	Hansard	Cemetery	05/02/2019 Cemetery (Bradley)	12/01/2019 Cemtery (Barningham)	
		Date		01/04/2018 Precept	04/04/2018 Cemetery	18/05/2018 Cemetery	26/05/2018	12/06/2018 Cemetery	05/09/2018 Cemetery	20/09/2018 Cemetery	26/09/2018	06/11/2018 Hardwick	06/11/2018 SP Davies	06/11/2018 Reeves	06/11/2018 Parr	06/11/2018 East	06/11/2018 Hansard	11/12/2018 Cemetery	05/02/2019	12/01/2019	

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Populations 2015 (SI 2015/224)

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015	
NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement II JUNE 2019 (a) 2. Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2019, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below
(b) Angela Hayword, Cierkirfo Lindale Villa, Gringley Road, Walkernaha No Dancaster Dividual Toly 27 861118 commencing on (c)Monday 17 June 2019	(b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts
and ending on (d)Friday 26 July 2019	(c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below
Local government electors and their representatives also have: The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and	(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July.
 The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority. 	
The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.	
4. The smaller authority's AGAR is only subject to review by the appointed auditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed auditor is:	a hatte to
PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 1 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD (sba@pkf-littlejohn.com)	
5. This announcement is made by (e) Angela Hayword, Clerk IRFO	(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority