

**WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

I have carried out an Internal Audit of the Council's books and records in accordance with the Council's requirements and planned coverage under the guidelines of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils. My Internal Audit and this Report are undertaken in order to assist the Parish Council in completing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023/24 and it is not a replacement for the External Audit.

This work has been carried out on a sample basis to provide an assessment of compliance with the relevant policy and controls that are expected to be in operation during the above financial year. Where areas of concern are encountered additional work is undertaken to ascertain the extent of the problem and to form an opinion as to the effect on Council finances. Advice can then be given to correct the situation and the Council can then agree further controls where necessary to ensure future compliance with regulations. My audit has covered the work carried out by the Parish Clerk ensuring that all relevant regulations have been met and the Council's resolutions have been carried out in a proper, timely and correct manner.

**Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

**Annual Internal Audit Report**

The "Not Covered" response to section F in relation to Petty Cash is because the Parish Council does not use Petty Cash.

I have indicated "Not Covered" to section K as this does not apply to the Parish Council.

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My inspection of the records has not found any matters that require a NO response on the Internal Audit section of the AGAR. Following my review of the records provided to me I conclude that the system of internal control in place for Whitwell Parish Council during 2023/24 was effective and functioning properly.



J S Marriott  
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