Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Part 3

To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
 - · are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
 - have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

Guidance notes on completing Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21

- 1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 must complete Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with *Proper Practices*.
- 2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts, pages 3 to 6:
 - The Annual Internal Audit Report must be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - Sections 1 and 2 must be completed and approved by the authority.
 - Section 3 is completed by the external auditor and will be returned to the authority.
- 3. The authority must approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, before approving Section 2, Accounting Statements, and both must be approved and published on the authority website/webpage before 1 July 2021.
- 4. An authority with either gross income or gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 or an authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000, but which is unable to certify itself as exempt, or is requesting a limited assurance review, **must** return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2021.** Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
 - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
 - · a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2021
 - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
 - notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
 - Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21

Unless requested, do not send any additional documents to your external auditor. Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed.

Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability Section1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate will be returned to the authority by email or post.

Publication Requirements

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities must publish the following information on the authority website/webpage:

Before 1 July 2021 authorities must publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21, approved and signed, page 4
- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21, approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2021 authorities must publish:

- · Notice of conclusion of audit
- Section 3 External Auditor Report and Certificate
- Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review.

It is recommended as best practice, to avoid any potential confusion by local electors and interested parties, that you also publish the Annual Internal Audit Report, page 3.

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 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/21

- The authority must comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR. *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 and the subsequent work by the external auditor.
- Make sure that the AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. If the AGAR contains unapproved or unexplained amendments, it may be returned and additional costs will be incurred.
- The authority should receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness before returning it to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2021.
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) must be approved on the same day or before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) must certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority must in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- The RFO is required to commence the public rights period as soon as practical after the date of the AGAR approval.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically requested. However, you must inform your
 external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide
 relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the AGAR covers
 all the bank accounts. If the authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank
 reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree the bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting
 statements (Section 2, page 5). An explanation must be provided of any difference between Box 7 and
 Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the *Practitioners' Guide**.
- Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 5. Do not just send a copy of the detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include complete numerical and narrative analysis to support the full variance.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or variances are not fully explained, additional costs may be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2020) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2021).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, must set the commencement date for the
 exercise of public rights of 30 consecutive working days which must include the first ten working days of July.
- The authority must publish on the authority website/webpage 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 2021.

Completion checkl	ist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	~	
	Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, been provided for the external auditor?	V	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	V	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', has an explanation been published?		
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?	/	
	Has an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year been published?	1	
	Has the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2021 been reconciled to Box 8?		
	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?		AN.
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? NB : do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	1	

*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

Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2021, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2020/21 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	Yes	No*	Not covered*
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	/		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	/		
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.	/		
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.	1		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	1		
Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	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 2019/20, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2019/20 AGAR tick "not covered")	~1	A	1
L. If the authority has an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000, it publishes information on a website/ webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the Transparency code for smaller authorities.	,	11	
M. The authority, during the previous year (2019-20) correctly provided for the period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (evidenced by the notice published on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).		1	
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2019/20 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).		/	
O. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			/

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

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Signature of person who

Date

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

*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 2020/21

We acknowledge as the members of:

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

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 2021, that:

	Agı	reed		
	Yes	No*	'Yes' me	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.				d its accounting statements in accordance 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.				roper arrangements and accepted responsibility guarding 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			y done what it has the legal power to do and has d with Proper Practices in doing so.
We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	/			the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
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			ered and documented the financial and other risks it 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. 	/		controls	ed for a competent person, independent of the financial s and procedures, to give an objective view on whether controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	/		respond externa	ded to matters brought to its attention by internal and laudit.
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.	/			ed everything it should have about its business activity the year including events taking place after the year elevant.
 (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	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, 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 and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:	Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:
2-6-2 and recorded as minute reference:	Chairman Chairman
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Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2020/21 for

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	Year e	ending	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2020 £	31 March 2021 £	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	200,147	192,983	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	159,730	161,791	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	18596	33312	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	71 190	77022	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
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	114, 295	103 093	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	192983	207,971	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	199803	206233	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	323006	327403	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) re Trust funds (including ch		Yes No	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
		V	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2021 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

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Date

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

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as recorded in minute reference:

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

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Section 3 - External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2020/21

In respect of

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not** a **full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website — https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/.

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:

Annual Covernance and Associat	- Lilling District 2000/04 Days 2	Page 6 of 6
External Auditor Signature		Date DB/MM/YY
External Auditor Name		
*We do not certify completion because:		
We certify/do not certify* that we haccountability Return, and dischathe year ended 31 March 2021.	nave completed our review of Sections of rged our responsibilities under the Loca	1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and I Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for
3 External auditor certifi		
(continue on a separate sheet if required)		
Other matters not affecting our opinion wi	nich we draw to the attention of the authority:	
(continue on a separate sheet if required)	lab use draw to the ottention of the outhority.	
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our opinion the information in Sections 1 and other matters have come to our attention (*delete as appropriate).	and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountabilition giving cause for concern that relevant legislation	ne Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in ty Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and on and regulatory requirements have not been met.
	ted assurance opinion 2020/	
 confirms and provides assurance 	on those matters that are relevant to our	duties and responsibilities as external auditors.
summarises the accounting reco	ords for the year ended 31 March 2021;	and

Smaller authority name: Boton you Murber Town Courcil

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & **ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015)	
NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement Frolog Ibn Job 2021 (a) 2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit 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 2021, these documents will be available	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below
on reasonable notice by application to: (b) Tracey Braighten Tour clock Ascorby Rodis, Queen Street Bores Into O borryon Hurbertown concil-gover	(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
commencing on (c)Monday 14 June 2021	(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
and ending on (d)Friday 23 July 2021	(d) The inspection period between (c)
3. Local government electors and their representatives also have: • The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and	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 subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:	
PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD	
(sba@pkf-l.com) 5. This announcement is made by (e)	(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority

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Bank reconciliation - example

This reconciliation should include <u>all</u> bank and building society accounts, including short term investment accounts. It <u>must</u> agree to Box 8 in the column headed "Year ending 31 March 2021" in Section 2 of the AGAR – and will also agree to Box 7 where the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Name of smaller authority: Bart	on Upon Humber	r Town Council	
County area (local councils and parish me	eetings only):	North Lincolnshire	
Financial year ending 31 March 20xx			
Prepared by (Name and Role):		Tracey Broughton	
Date:	24/06/20	021	
Balance per bank statements as at 31/3 e.g Current Account High Interest Account Petty Cash	3/xx:	£ 7,041.38 199,095.45 96.23	206 222 06
Petty cash float (if applicable)			206,233.06
Less: any unpresented cheques as at 31/4 (normally only current account) Cheque number	3/xx		
Add: any un-banked cash as at 31/3/21			0.00
			-
Net balances as at 31/3/21 (Box 8)			206,233.06



Explanation of variances - pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

Courry avea (local councils and North Lincolnshine

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

- Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

 variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);

 New from £020/21: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

 A breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual preceptirates & levies value (Box 2).

		Š	0.00%	0	0	0	10 Total Borrowings
		NO	1.36%	4,397	327,403	erm investments and 323,006	9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and
	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED				206,233	nts 199,803	8 Total Cash and Short Term investments
	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	N			207,971	192,983	7 Balances Carried Forward
		NO	9.80%	-11,202	103,093	114,295	6 All Other Payments
		Š	0.00%	0	0	0	5 Loan interest/Capital Repayment
		NO	8.19%	5,832	77,022	71,190	4 Staff Costs
		YES	79.14%	14,716	33,312	18,596	3 Total Other Receipts
		NO O	1.29%	2,061	161,791	159,730	2 Precept or Rates and Levies
nce nat	Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees				192,983	200,142	1 Balances Brought Forward
Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures Input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation Required?	Variance %	2020/21 Variance Variance £ £ %	2020/21 £	2019/20 £	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

Barton Upon Humber Town Council Explanation of Variance Box 3 Total Other Receipts – 79.14%

	2019/20	2020/21
Council Tax Support Grant	8163	6102
Grass cutting Grant	0	24000
Bartonian Income	8430	3015



CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Name of smaller authority: Boton upon Humber Town Council
County Area (local councils and parish meetings only): Wath LinghShipe
On behalf of the smaller authority, I confirm that the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights are as follows:
Commencing on Maday 140 Une 2021
and ending on Friday 23rd July 2021
(Please enter the dates set by the smaller authority as appropriate which <u>must</u> be 30 working days (i.e. Monday – Friday only, and not Bank Holidays) inclusive and <u>must</u> include the first 10 working days of July 2021 (i.e. Thursday 1 July – Wednesday 14 July).
We have suggested the following dates: Monday 14 June – Friday 23 July 2021. The latest possible dates that comply with the statutory requirements are Thursday 1 July – Wednesday 11 August 2021.)
Signed:
Role: TOWN CLERK, RFO

This form is only for use by smaller authorities subject to a review:

Please submit this form to PKF Littlejohn LLP with the AGAR Part 3 and other requested documentation – this form is not for publication on your website.