

SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

I provided an internal audit service for Ashington Town Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 and, acting independently; I examined the system of internal control by undertaking the following tests and reported my findings to the Council.

		Test Done Yes or No
1	Checking that books of account have been properly kept throughout the year	Yes
2	Checking payments (100%) to ensure that the Council's financial regulations have been met, invoices support payments, expenditure is approved and VAT is correctly accounted for	Yes
3	Reviewing the Council's risk assessment and ensuring that adequate arrangements are in place to manage all identified risks.	Yes
4	Verifying that the annual precept request is the result of a proper budgetary process; that the budget process has been regularly monitored and that the Council's reserves are adequate	Yes
5	Checking income records (100%) to ensure that correct prices have been charged, income received, recorded and promptly banked and VAT is properly accounted for.	Yes
6	Reviewing petty cash records to ensure receipts support payments, expenditure is approved and VAT is correctly accounted for. No petty cash imprest held	N/A
7	Checking that salaries to employees have been paid out in accordance with Council approvals and that PAYE and NI requirements have been properly applied.	Yes
8	Checking the accuracy of the assets and investment records	Yes
9	Testing the accuracy and timeliness of periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations.	Yes
10	Year-end testing on the completeness and accuracy of the financial statements	Yes

On the basis of my examination, which is limited to the tests indicated above, it is my view that the Council's system of internal controls is in place, adequate for the purpose intended, and effective, and, where appropriate, I have made recommendations to the Council.



Internal Auditor

Date: 26 April 2022