Old Catton Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit
Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2019

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

1. The audit of accounts for Old Catton Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been completed and the accounts have been published.

2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Old Catton Parish Council on application to:

   (a) **Ms S Vincent - Clerk**
   
   **OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL**
   **THE PAVILION, CHURCH STREET**
   **OLD CATTON, NR6 7OS**

   (b) **9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £2 (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return.

   Announcement made by: (d) **Ms S Vincent**
   
   **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

   Date of announcement: (e) **25/09/2019**

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**Notes**

This notice and Sections 1, 3 & 9 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority’s website.

(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR.

(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised.

(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs.

(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice.

(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice.
Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

We acknowledge as the members of:

OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL

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 2018, that:

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>1. We have put in place arrangements for effective internal management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.</td>
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<td>2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reduced its effectiveness.</td>
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<td>3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no material omissions 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.</td>
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<td>4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of members’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</td>
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<td>5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage these risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.</td>
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<td>6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.</td>
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<td>7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.</td>
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<td>8. We considered whether any litigation, arbitration or commitments, costs 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.</td>
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<td>9. For local councils only: Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole trustees we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund/trusts, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.</td>
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*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 should be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

10/06/2019

and recorded as minute reference:

PARA 27.6

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

Clerk

Other information required by the Transparency Code (not part of Annual Governance Statement)
Authority web address:

www.oldcattonparishcouncil.co.uk

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 Part 3
Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*
# Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19 for

**OLD CATTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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<th>31 March 2018</th>
<th>31 March 2019</th>
<th>Notes and guidance</th>
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<td>1. Balance brought forward</td>
<td>217,827</td>
<td>142,857</td>
<td>Total balance and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.</td>
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<td>2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies</td>
<td>170,000</td>
<td>184,960</td>
<td>Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.</td>
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<td>3. (+) Total other receipts</td>
<td>71,409</td>
<td>40,388</td>
<td>Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.</td>
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<td>4. (-) Staff costs</td>
<td>118,989</td>
<td>106,955</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>5. (-) Loan interest/Hospital repayments</td>
<td>18,607</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority’s borrowings (if any).</td>
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<td>6. (-) All other payments</td>
<td>176,983</td>
<td>92,432</td>
<td>Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/hospital payments (line 5).</td>
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<td>7. (+) Balance carried forward</td>
<td>142,857</td>
<td>169,219</td>
<td>Total balance and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6+7).</td>
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| 8. Total value of cash and short term investments | 141,418 | 163,113 | 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. |
| 9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets | 638,855 | 690,865 | The value of all the property the authority owns – It is made up of all the fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March. |
| 10. Total borrowings | 40,383 | 4,860 | The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (excluding PWLB). |

| 11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure notes Trust funds (including charitable) | 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

**Date**

10/06/2019

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

10/06/2019

as recorded in minute reference:

PARA 27.7

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved
Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2018/19

In respect of Old Catton Parish Council NO0334

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor
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:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2019; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

2 External auditor report 2018/19

Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the Information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review:

- The smaller authority has confirmed that it has a short term loan with Broadland District Council. Loan repayments during the year have been taken at source by the District Council against CIL payments and have not been reflected in the figures In Boxes 3 and 5 of the AGAR, although the reduction of the balance can be seen in Box 10. The loan repayments taken at source should have been included in Box 5 and the corresponding CIL income should have been included in Box 3. The figures in Section 2, Boxes 3 and 5 should read £75,921 and £35,533 respectively. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we drew to the attention of the authority:

None

3 External auditor certificate 2018/19

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2019.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

Date 24/09/2019

* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2018/19 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)