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Dear Amanda,

**Dewlish Parish Council Internal Audit 2025-26**

Please find attached the internal audit report for April 2025-2026

All the information I requested to look at this period was provided electronically through the website as well as being supported with a paper file and I was able to confirm all the details I needed to from those documents. There are still gaps around the new requirements for Assertion 10 – relating to IT Policy and GDPR training and recommendations have been made.

There are a few other minor recommendations but these relate to administrative processes and do not detract from the financial position of the Council.

My overall Audit opinion is as follows:

**Audit Opinion**

I am able to offer **reasonable** assurance as most of the areas reviewed were found to be adequately controlled. Generally, risks are well managed but some systems require the introduction or improvement of internal controls to ensure the achievement of objectives.

(The Audit grades are Substantial, Reasonable, Partial and None.)

The Audit Checklist Report, Recommendations and this letter should be copied to all Parish Council members so that they can fully understand the recommendations being made and the interim audit published on the website. As always, I am happy for any of the Parish Council to contact me personally if they wish to discuss any of the recommendations made, the tests carried out, or the overall opinion given.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Harding", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paula Harding (MAAT/AATQB/PiALC)

Appointed Internal Auditor for Dewlish Parish Council