

# Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report

## 2015/16 Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of  
smaller authority here:

BOTTEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual 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.

### External auditor report

(Except for the matters reported below)\* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (\*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

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

See attached

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor signature

Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date

20/9/16

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))

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**Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention  
of Boyton Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2016**

**Council Tax Support Grant**

The Council Tax Support Grant should be included in Box 3. Council Tax Support Grant of £518 has been incorrectly included in Box 2. Box 2 should state £6,182 and Box 3 should state £5,196.

The Council should restate the 2016 figures on next year's Annual Return and write "restated" beneath the £ sign on the 2016 column.

**S2 was signed by the Chair and Clerk/RFO after the date of approval**

The Parish Council has considered and approved the Accounting Statements (Section 2) on 16 May 2016 with minute reference 1605/10. The Chair and Clerk/RFO have signed the Accounting Statements (Section 2) on 24 May 2016, which is after the date of approval. The signature of the Chair and Clerk on Section 2 is confirmation of approval in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and should be on the same date as the Parish Council approval. In future, the Parish Council should ensure that the Accounting Statements Section 2 is signed when it is approved by the Parish Council.

  
**Grant Thornton UK LLP**

**Date** 20/9/16

**Our ref CWL008**