

Shireoaks Parish Council

Assertion 10 – Audit 2025-26

What Assertion 10 Actually Requires

Assertion 10 is a new governance requirement introduced in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide and appears in the Annual Governance Statement (AGAR) from 2025/26 onwards.

It focuses on digital governance, data protection, and website compliance.

Typical areas auditors expect councils to demonstrate include:

Digital governance

- 1) Shireoaks have a council owned email domain – Shireoaks-pc.gov.uk
- 2) All public correspondence is received by the clerk – Clerk.shireoaks-pc.gov.uk
- 3) Every councillor has a secure, dedicated email address separate from any personal accounts. These are published on our website.
- 4) Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our website monthly.
- 5) Up to date IT and privacy policies can be found on our website.