

Droxford Parish Council: Assertion 5 response

The Internal Auditor (IA) reported that Internal Control Objective (C) was not met: The authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.

The IA report noted that it is an AGAR requirement that councillors review the control systems between audits.

As a result, Droxford Parish Council will adopt a Statement of Internal Controls to ensure that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for as well as being used economically, efficiently and effectively.

In discharging this overall responsibility, the Council is also responsible for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of the Council's functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

The system of internal control will be based on an ongoing process designed to:

- a) identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Council's policies, aims and objectives,
- b) evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised and
- c) manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

This statement, along with the IA report and Droxford Parish Council's action plan to meet and rectify the IA findings will be published on both the Noticeboard and website as part of the AGAR 25/26 documentation.

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