

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2015/16

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

LYNCHAM & BRADENSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including 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 2016, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this smaller authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	YES		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	YES		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	YES		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	YES		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority’s accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	YES		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	YES		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	YES		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	YES		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	NA
			NA
			has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority and recorded as minute reference:

14.5 REFERENCE
dated 11/05/2016

Signed by:

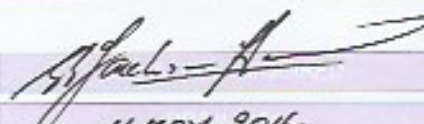
Chair


dated

Signed by:

Clerk

dated


11 MAY 2016


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*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2015/16 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

LYNEHAM & BRADENSTOCKE PARISH COUNCIL.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £	
			Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
1. Balances brought forward	RESTATED 67097	100842	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	87573	50000	Total amount of precept or (for IDBs) rates and levies received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	6002	6726	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	18749	6427	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.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	41081	80874	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	100842	70267	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6)
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	100842	70267	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	291635	222,398	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the smaller authority as at 31 March
10. Total borrowings	-	-	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council 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 2016 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

[Signature]

Date

26/04/2016

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on this date:

11/05/2016

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

[Signature]

Date

11 MAY 2016.

This page is part of Section 3 - External auditor certificate and opinion 2015/16

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

Accounting for Fixed Assets

It has come to our attention that Box 9 of Section 2 of the Annual Return – the Accounting Statements includes fixed assets valued at insurance value.

Local councils are required to account for fixed assets at purchase cost. If this is not known a proxy cost should be substituted (e.g. insurance value). Commercial concepts of depreciation or impairment adjustments, etc. are not appropriate for local councils. For reporting purposes therefore, the 'book' value of fixed assets will usually therefore stay constant until disposal. Where insurance value has been used as a proxy, it should not be adjusted for annual changes.

Guidance on accounting for fixed assets is available in the NALC / SLCC publication "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioners Guide (England)" paragraphs 3.66 to 3.77.

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

Grant Thornton UK LLP

for Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date *9/9/16*

Our ref WLT154