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External Auditor's Report on the Accounts 2019/20

Introduction / Background:

This report provides information on the completed external audit for 2019/20.

PKF Littlejohn are the Government appointed external auditors to the parish council. In April 2020, PKF Littlejohn issued a detailed Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) to be completed by parish councils. The AGAR is designed to provide considerable detail about parish councils' control arrangements and their financial accounts. The parish council's documentation was submitted in April 2020.

The clerk received the audit report from PKF Littlejohn on 16th July 2020 setting out the findings from their audit. A copy of the audit report is attached. The audit report states:

> *"On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met"*.

The auditors also confirmed they had no matters to bring to the parish council's attention.

This is a very positive outcome from the audit.

Fee arrangements for the external audit, set by the Government, allow PKF Littlejohn to charge additional fees wherever they had to do additional work to complete their audit. No additional fees were charged to the parish council.

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations, the Clerk placed a notice of completion of audit on the parish council's website, the parish noticeboard and at the parish hall. This was done on 27th July 2020, in advance of the statutory deadline.

Proposals / Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the outcomes of the 2019/20 external audit process.

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