

INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR SKELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Ref Accounts for 2015/16

Dear Chairman and Councillors

I met with your clerk, Mr S Sangster, on 24 May 2016 to carry out the internal audit for Skelton Parish Council.

I went over the points listed on the attached list and would like to draw the following to the Council's attention:

- The council's reserves, as at the last audit, are still too high. They should not be more than twice the precept unless the council has a specific scheme, with costings, planned.

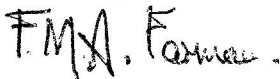
Other than the item above there are no other issues or matters of concern to bring to the council's attention.

The accounts are clear, easy to follow and give an accurate and transparent picture of the council's financial status. They comply fully with the guidelines set out in the newly revised 'Governance and Accountability (2016)' guidelines.

As found at last year's audit all the necessary procedures and policies are in place and well embedded in practice. This makes a positive contribution to the smooth running of the council and ensures that all legal requirements are met.

Your clerk, again, answered all my questions satisfactorily with a clear knowledge and understanding of the intricacies of running a parish council. He is to be complimented on the clear and methodical presentation of the paperwork. From the checks I have done I find there are no material concerns over the accounts of Skelton Parish Council for the year 2015/16

Yours sincerely



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