

Internal Audit Report

(to be read in conjunction with Section 4 of the Annual Return)

Name of council:	Wappenham Parish Council		
Name of Internal Auditor:	Lynn Lavender	Date of report:	13 th June
Year ending:	31 March 2017	Date audit carried out:	12 th June

Internal audit is the periodic independent review of a council's internal controls resulting in an assurance report designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the activities and operating procedures under the council's control. Managing the council's internal controls should be a day-to-day function of the staff and management and not left for internal audit.

The council is required to take appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit and to respond to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit. Failure to take appropriate action may lead to a qualified audit opinion.

To the Chairman of the Council:

I carried out the year-end audit of Wappenham Parish Council on 12th June 2017. I would take this opportunity to thank Liz Hart, the Parish Clerk for her help and assistance.

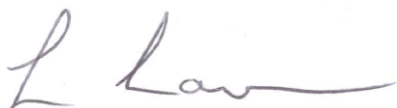
Prior to the visit I reviewed the information available on www.wappenhamvillage.org.uk I was able to access a well ordered and detailed set of documents and records. By examination of these documents & records plus further questioning during the visit, I tested aspects of the Council's internal controls as required at Section 4 of the Annual Return and notwithstanding the items noted below, I am satisfied that effective policies and procedures together with systems to manage, monitor and control the Council's business are in place. Accordingly, I was able to answer 'yes' to all relevant questions and have signed the Return as required.

Noted this visit

- The council has had a busy year moving forward with several initiatives.
- The Clerk's hours have been reviewed.

This report is based on the evidence made available to me. It would be incorrect to view internal audit as the detailed inspection of all records and transactions of a council in order to detect error or fraud. Consequently the report is limited to those matters set out above.

Yours sincerely,



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The figures submitted in the Annual Return are:

	Year ending 31 March 2016	Year ending 31 March 2017
1. Balances brought forward	2842	5337
2. Annual precept	2605	2773
3. Total other receipts	3050	2277
4. Staff costs	1657	2067
5. Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-
6. Total other payments	1503	5482
7. Balances carried forward	5337	2838
8. Total cash and investments	5337	2838
9. Total fixed assets and long term assets	350	2510
10. Total borrowings	-	-

The proper practices referred to in Accounts and Audit Regulations are set out in *Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England (2017)*. It is a guide to the accounting practices to be followed by local councils, and sets out the appropriate standard of financial reporting to be followed. A copy of the guide is available for free download from:

<http://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/practitioners-guide-2017.pdf>