

NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.234)
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

1. Date of Notice 18 September 2017

2. Notice of conclusion of audit and publication of accounts.

The audit of the Council's accounts for the above year has been concluded on 28 September 2016 by Grant Thornton UK LLP.

The Annual governance statement, Accounting statements and the External auditor certificate and report (the Annual Return), have been published.

Copies of documents are available for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum. Documents will remain available for public access for a period of not less than 5 years from the date of this notice.

3. Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provides for the exercise of public rights to inspect the statement of accounts:-

- Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to make copies of:-
 - the accounting statements.
 - the external auditor's opinion and certificate of completion
 - any public interest report relating to the authority, and
 - any recommendation relating to the authority.

For the year ended 31 March 2017 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 4 below.

4. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts and availability

Name: Julia Finn

Position: Clerk to the Council

Address: The Parish Office, Scothern Road, Nettleham LN2 2TU

Tel No: 01522 750011

Email: parishcouncil@nettleham-pc.gov.uk

Days and times of availability: Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 12.00 noon

5. Signature and name of person giving Notice on behalf of the Council

 Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

**This page is part of Section 3 - External auditor certificate and opinion 2016/17
Nettleham Parish Council
External Auditor Report for the year ended 31 March 2017**

Matters reported

None

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of the authority

Annual internal audit report

The internal auditor has answered 'Yes' to Objective F in relation to petty cash. This should state 'not covered' as the Council does not operate a petty cash system.

The Authority should ensure that the internal auditor's report is reviewed before sending the Annual Return to the external auditors. The Authority should minute this process. If there are any errors in the internal auditors report it should either be amended by the Internal Auditor or the Authority should provide an explanation for the error.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date 13 September 2017

Our ref LIN261

Section 3 – External auditor report and certificate

In respect of:

Enter name of smaller authority here:

NETTLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

1. Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2017; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

2. 2016/17 External auditor report

~~(Except for the matters reported below)~~* on the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the smaller authority:

SEE ATTACHMENT

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3. 2016/17 External auditor certificate

We certify/~~do not certify~~* that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2017.

* We do not certify completion because:

NIA

External auditor signature

Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Date

13 September 2017

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2016/17 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)