

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:

(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:

External auditor signature

External auditor name

Date

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)

Nettleham Parish Council

NOTICE OF DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

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

NOTICE

1. Date of announcement 25 May 2017

2. Section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:

- **Inspection: Any persons interested** may inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2017 these documents will be available during the period specified in paragraph 4 on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 below
- **Question and objections** to the external auditor: Local Government electors and their representatives have rights to:
 - question the auditor about the accounting records: and
 - object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must be given to the external auditor and a copy sent to the Authority. Objections must concern a matter of which the external auditor could make a public interest report or apply for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful.

The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 5 below for this purpose.

3. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts

Name: Julia Finn
Position: Clerk to the Parish Council
Address: The Parish Office, Scothern Road, Nettleham, LN2 2TU
Tel No: 01522 750011
Email: parishcouncil@nettleham-pc.gov.uk

4. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days: (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Regulation 15(1))

commencing on 5 June 2017

and ending on 14 July 2017

5. Your appointed auditor is:

Grant Thornton UK LLP (for the attention of Mark Heap)
Royal Liverpool Building, Liverpool L3 1PS Tel: 0151 224 7200

For more details guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication Council Accounts – A Guide to Your Rights are available from the National Audit Office website.