

# INTERNAL AUDIT CHECKLIST FOR UNSTONE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

Further to the Internal Audit of Accounts I carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 I confirm that the annual audit was carried out in accordance with the suggested approach contained in the "Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – A Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices to be applied in the preparation of statutory annual accounts and governance statements 2020/21". Page 3 of the 2020/21 AGAR form has been signed off accordingly.

Signed Brian Wood DMA

Date 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

1. Book Keeping			Comments
1.1	Ledger maintained and up to date?	Yes	
1.2	Arithmetic correct?	Yes	
1.3	Evidence of Internal Control?	Yes	
1.4	VAT evidence, recording and reclaimed?	Yes	
1.5	Payments in ledger supported by invoices, authorised and minuted?	Yes	
1.6	S137 separately recorded and within limits?	Yes	
1.7	S137 expenditure of direct benefit to electorate?	Yes	

2. Due Process			Comments
2.1	Standing Orders adopted (inc GDPR)?	Yes	
2.2	Standing Orders reviewed at annual meeting?	Yes	
2.3	Financial Regulations adopted?	Yes	
2.4	FRs properly tailored to council?	Yes	
2.5	Equal Opportunities policy adopted?	Yes	
2.6	RFO appointed?	Yes	
2.7	List of member interests held?	Yes	
2.8	Agendas signed, informative and displayed with 3 clear days' notice ?	Yes	
2.9	Purchasing authority defined in FRs?	Yes	
2.10	Legal powers identified in minutes and/or cashbook?	Yes	
2.11	Committee terms of reference exist and have been reviewed for Committees?	Yes	
2.12	Council/Councillors contact details on line?	Yes	
2.13	GDPR Privacy Policy on web site ?	Yes	

<b>3. Risk Management</b>			<b>Comments</b>
3.1	Does scan of minutes reveal any unusual activity?	No	
3.2	Annual risk assessment carried out?	Yes	
3.3	Insurance cover appropriate and adequate?	Yes	
3.4	Evidence of annual insurance review?	Yes	
3.5	Internal financial controls documented and evidenced?	Yes	
3.6	Minutes initialled, each page identified and overall signed?	Yes	
3.7	Regular reporting and minuting of bank balance?	Yes	
3.8	S137 expenditure minuted?	Yes	
3.9	Up to date Risk Management Scheme?	Yes	

<b>4. Budget</b>			<b>Comments</b>
4.1	Annual budget to support precept?	Yes	
4.2	Has budget been discussed and adopted by council?	Yes	
4.3	Any reserves earmarked?	Yes	War Memorial
4.4	Any unexplained variances from budget?	No	
4.5	Precept demand correctly minuted?	Yes	

<b>5. Payroll – Clerk</b>			<b>Comments</b>
5.1	Contract of employment?	Yes	
5.2	Tax code issued / contracted out?	Yes	
5.3	PAYE / NI evidence?	Yes	
5.4	Has council approved salary paid?	Yes	
5.5	Pension provision in place or Opt out?	Yes	
5.6	Other payments reasonable and approved by council?	Yes	

<b>6. Payroll – Other</b>			<b>Comments</b>
6.1	Contract of employment?	Yes	
6.2	Does council have public liability cover?	Yes	
6.3	Tax code(s) issued?	Yes	
6.4	Minimum wage paid?	Yes	
6.5	Complaints procedure in place?	Yes	
6.6	Current Grievance and Disciplinary procedures in place?	Yes	

<b>7. Asset Control</b>			<b>Comments</b>
7.1	Does council keep a register of all material assets owned?	Yes	
7.2	Is asset register up to date?	Yes	
7.3	Value of individual assets included?	Yes	
7.4	Inspected for risk and H & S ?	Yes	

<b>8. Bank Reconciliations</b>			<b>Comments</b>
8.1	Is there a bank reconciliation for each account?	Yes	
8.2	Reconciliation carried out on receipt of statement?	Yes	
8.3	Any unexpected balancing entries in any reconciliation?	No	

<b>9. Year End Procedures</b>			<b>Comments</b>
9.1	Year-end accounts prepared on correct accounting basis?	Yes	
9.2	Bank statements and ledger reconcile?	Yes	
9.3	Underlying financial trail from records to presented accounts?	Yes	
9.4	Where appropriate, debtors and creditors properly recorded?	Yes	
9.5	Has council agreed, signed and minuted sections 1 & 2 of the annual return?	No	(May Meeting)
9.6	Public Rights provision up to date ?	Yes	
9.7	Was External Audit exemptions correctly declared.?	Yes	

<b>10. Miscellaneous</b>			<b>Comments</b>
10.1	Have points raised at the last audit been addressed?	Yes	
10.2	Has the council adopted a Code of Conduct ?	Yes	
10.3	Is eligibility for General Power of Competence properly evidenced?	No	
10.4	Are all electronic files backed up?	Yes	
10.5	Do arrangements for public inspection of council's records exist?	Yes	
10.6	Public Rights Provision adopted?	Yes	
10.7	Complaints Procedure Adopted ?	Yes	
10.8	Are Training Records kept ?	Yes	
10.9	Website Accessibility Statement adopted?	Yes	

<b>11. Charities</b>			<b>Comments</b>
11.1	Charities reported and accounted separately?	N/A	

Payee invoice check	Pugh Lewis	Wish Computers
Ledger date	27.10.2020	31.01.2021
Item/Budget heading	Parish Maintenance	General Admin
Ref/cheque no.	BACS 13.11.2020	BACS 31.01.2021
Payment minute ref	125/20	162/20
Invoice value	£6101.88	£230.00
Minute value	£6101.88	£230.00
Cheque value	£6101.88	£230.00
Bank Statement value	£6101.88	£230.00
Timely payment	Yes	Yes
VAT recorded	Yes (£1016.96)	Yes (£38.33)
S137 recorded in ledger	N/A	N/A
S137 minuted	N/A	N/A
Notes		

<b>Annual Return (Page 3)</b>			
		Year ending 31 March 2020	Year ending 31 March 2021
		£	£
1	Balances brought forward	7886	51266
2	Annual precept	66933	68500
3	Total other receipts	84871	29718
4	Staff costs	34739	39962
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0
6	Total other payments	73685	63171
7	Balances carried forward	51266	46351
8	Total cash and investments	51266	46351
9	Total fixed assets and long term investments and assets	74420	74420
10	Total borrowings	0	0
11	Section 4 annual return figures completed and cross referenced	Yes	Yes

## NOTES

**The Clerk and/or RFO should certify the accounts before the full council approves them.**

**The Notice for the public inspection period must detail that it is for a single period of 30 working days and must include the first ten days of July (ie 14.06 – 23.07. or 01.7 – 11.08.)**