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My 2024

Dear Members

Annual Internal Audit Report – Year ended 31st March 2024

I have completed the internal audit for Benwick Parish Council for the year to 31st March 2024, as detailed in the Council's Annual Return.

[1] I have tested the key control areas to assess compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31st March 2024. I am satisfied that in all significant respects the control objectives were being achieved to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council.

[2] I have examined the criteria and limits for Exemption from a limited assurance review for the year of audit under the relevant legislation and have noted that the Parish Council meets the stated requirements for such exemption.

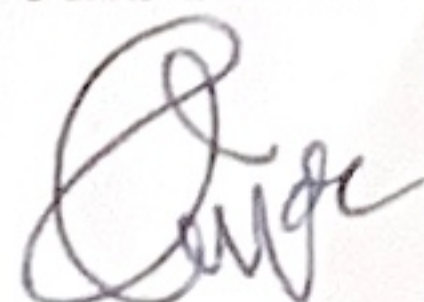
[3] There are no specific issues for the year of audit that I have to draw to the attention of the Council.

[4] I would like to express my thanks to the Clerk for the presentation of records and clarity of explanation given.

[5] As I informed Clerks earlier in the year, for various reasons this is the last year I will be undertaking internal audits for parish councils. I have been pleased to do this for fourteen years, in your case, and will miss the contact and discussions with the parish clerks.

[6] Guidance on the appointment of an internal auditor can be found in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.14 of the 'Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners Guide', published by NALC, which can be viewed online. You will note that a professional qualification is not mandatory, but the appointed person should have relevant experience and understanding of the processes (in my case 55 years in local government finance) and independence from the council. If you have difficulty in finding a new auditor in time for the 2024/25 audit, CAPALC may be able to assist you.

Yours sincerely



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