

(NAME): Haswell Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of the audit

Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2019

Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

| | Notes |
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| 1. The audit of accounts for the Council/Meeting (a) for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been concluded. | (a) Delete as appropriate |
| 2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of the Council /Meeting (a) on application to: (b) <u>Kay Tweedle, Clerk, Parish Office</u> <u>c/o Giant Steps Nursery,</u> <u>Front St, Haswell DH6 2D2</u> <u>email haswellparishcouncil@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> | (b) Insert name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the Annual Return |
| 2. Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of £ <u>0</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Return. | (c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs |
| Announcement made by: (d) <u>Kay Tweedle, Clerk</u> | (d) Insert name and position of person placing the notice |
| Date of announcement: (e) <u>1st Sept. 2019</u> | (e) Insert date of placing of the notice |

~~Section 3~~ – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2018/19

In respect of

Haswell Parish Council

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2019; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability 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 External auditor report 2018/19

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

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

The Council holds general reserves of £173,265 compared to its annual precept of £68,501 and expenditure of £67,895. The Council has no powers to hold revenue reserves for general purposes other than for reasonable working capital and should consider earmarking funds for specific purposes

3 External auditor certificate 2018/19

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2019.

*We do not certify completion because:

Not applicable

External Auditor Name

Mazars LLP, Durham, DH1 5TS

External Auditor Signature

Mazars LLP

Date

21 August 2019

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