

DARLEY DALE TOWN COUNCIL
INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

I have carried out an Internal Audit of the Council's books and records in accordance with the Council's requirements and planned coverage under the guidelines of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils. My Internal Audit and this Report are undertaken in order to assist the Parish Council in completing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2019/20 and it is not a replacement for any External Audit.

This work has been carried out on a sample basis to provide an assessment of compliance with the relevant policy and controls that are expected to be in operation during the above financial year. Where areas of concern are encountered additional work is undertaken to ascertain the extent of the problem and to form an opinion as to the effect on Council finances. Advice can then be given to correct the situation and the Council can then agree further controls where necessary to ensure future compliance with regulations. My audit has covered the work carried out by the Clerk to the Council ensuring that all relevant regulations have been met and the Council's resolutions have been carried out in a proper, timely and correct manner.

At the time of carrying out my Internal Audit of the Town Council's books and records the Country is subject to restrictions under the Coronavirus pandemic lock down regulations. This has necessitated changes in the way I have carried out my work which has been done via copies of files, invoices and records passed on to me by electronic means. I have then requested further information from the Clerk in order to satisfy any queries that have arisen. Throughout this process I have had full co-operation from the Clerk.

I have ticked "Not Covered" for section F of the Internal Audit Report on the AGAR as Petty Cash is not used.

I would like to recommend that the Town Council considers adopting an up to date Equal Opportunities policy.

I would also recommend that consideration given to working towards fulfilling the requirements of adopting the General Power of Competence so that this can be taken up in the future.

Continued.

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My inspection of the Parish Council's books, records and procedures is now complete and I conclude that Darley Dale Town Council's system of internal control in place during 2019/20 was functioning well. This should be kept under periodic review in order to ensure that is updated for future Council requirements.



J S Marriott
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