

# Notice of date appointed for the exercise of electors' rights under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004

## CEFN CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Financial year ended 31 March 2020

1. Date of announcement 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2020
  
2. Each year the annual accounts are audited by the Auditor General for Wales. Prior to this date, any interested person has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them for 20 working days on reasonable notice. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to:  

DAVID-LLOYD JONES, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL  
47 CEFN ROAD, CEFN CRIBWR, BRIDGEND. CF32 0BA  
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davidlloyd.jones@btinternet.com  
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on Monday to Friday by appointment  
commencing on                   1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
and ending on                    28<sup>th</sup> September 2020
  
3. From 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 until the audit has been completed, Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:
  - the right to question the Auditor General about the accounts. The Auditor General can be contacted via BDO and
  - the right to attend before the Auditor General and make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor General via BDO. A copy of the written notice must also be given to the council.
  - BDO can be contacted at: BDO LLP, Arcadia House, Maritime Walk, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3TL
  
4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

**CEFNI CRIBWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2020**

Bank Statement Balances as at the 01/04/19		£	£
Community Account	91482637		33,439.80
Business Manager Account	1457411		350.20
			<u>-</u>
Opening Balance			33,790.00
Income Received			
Bank Account Interest		0.72	
Annual Precept		30,000.00	
Total Other Income		13,052.93	
Total			<u>43,053.65</u>
			76,843.65
Expenditure			
Staff Costs		8,230.21	
Total Other Payments		35,910.51	
Total Expenditure			<u>44,140.72</u>
Closing balance			<u><u>32,702.93</u></u>
Bank Statement Balances as at the 31/03/20			
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Business Manager Account	1457411		350.92
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David-Lloyd Jones  
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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## Bank Interest and Balance

### Community Account - 91482637

#### *Bank Balances*

Balance as at 1st April 2019	£ 33,439.80
Balance as at 31st March 2020	£ 32,352.01

#### *Interest payments received*

Total	<u>£ -</u>
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#### **Income-IN**

VAT reclaim	£ 6,339.99
T&CC Grant - Pentice Car Park	£ 5,409.66
Footpath Maintenance Reimbursement BCBC	£ 1,303.28

<u>£ 13,052.93</u>
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#### **Transfers - IN**

<u>£ -</u>
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#### **Precept - IN**

25.04.19 BCBC	£ 30,000.00
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<u>£ 30,000.00</u>
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#### **Transfers - OUT**

<u>£ -</u>
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## Bank Interest and Balance

### Business Manager Account - 01457411

#### *Bank Balances*

Balance as at 1st April 2019	£	350.20
Balance as at 31st March 2020	£	350.92

#### *Interest payments received*

	£	
Apr-19	£	0.06
May-19	£	0.06
Jun-19	£	0.06
Jul-19	£	0.06
Aug-19	£	0.06
Sep-19	£	0.06
Oct-19	£	0.06
Nov-19	£	0.06
Dec-19	£	0.06
Jan-20	£	0.06
Feb-20	£	0.06
Mar-20	£	0.06
		<u>£ 0.72</u>

#### **Income-IN**

£ -

#### **Transfers - IN**

£ -

#### **Transfers - OUT**

£ -

# *Explanation of Variances*

## *Cefn Cribwr Community Council*

### *Year ending 31st March 2020*

Please find below any variance of more than 15% between totals for the individual boxes.

I am not required to explain variance of less than £200, however in some cases there may be 'compensating' variances which leave the overall total for a box relatively unchanged.

In such cases I have provided an explanation of movements within each box.

Section 1	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance (+/-) £	Variance %	Detailed Explanation of variance (with amounts £)
<b>Box 2</b> Annual Precept	30,000	30,000	0	0.00	
<b>Box 3</b> Other Receipts	4,766	13,053	8,287	173.88	2018/19: £1,303 BCBC Footpath maintenance reimbursement, £244.92 reimbursement from Transact due to an administrative error and £2,159.08 VAT reimbursement. 2019/20: £1,303 BCBC Footpath maintenance, £6,340 VAT claim and £5,410 grant from BCBC Town & Community Council Fund towards the cost of the car park re-surfacing.
<b>Box 4</b> Staff Costs	7,923	8,230	307	3.88	NA
<b>Box 5</b> Loan Interest/ Capital	nil	nil	nil	nil	NA
<b>Box 6</b> Other Payments	23,265	35,911	12,646	54.35	Councils day to day operating costs remain very similar to previous years, with marginal movements as would be expected. A non recurring payment £12,983 for the re-surfacing of a car park accounts for the difference.
<b>Box 7</b> Balances Carried Forward	33,790	32,703	-1,087	-3.22	NA
<b>Box 8</b> Debtors	nil	nil	nil	nil	NA
<b>Box 9</b> Total Cash & Investments	33,790	32,703	-1,087	-3.22	NA
<b>Box 10</b> Creditors	nil	nil	nil	nil	NA
<b>Box 12</b> Fixed & Long Term Assets	4,250	4,250	nil	nil	NA
<b>Box 13</b> Total Borrowings	nil	nil	nil	nil	NA

# Community and Town Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

## LANGUAGE PREFERENCE

Please indicate how you would like us to communicate with you during the audit. Note that audit notices will be issued bilingually.

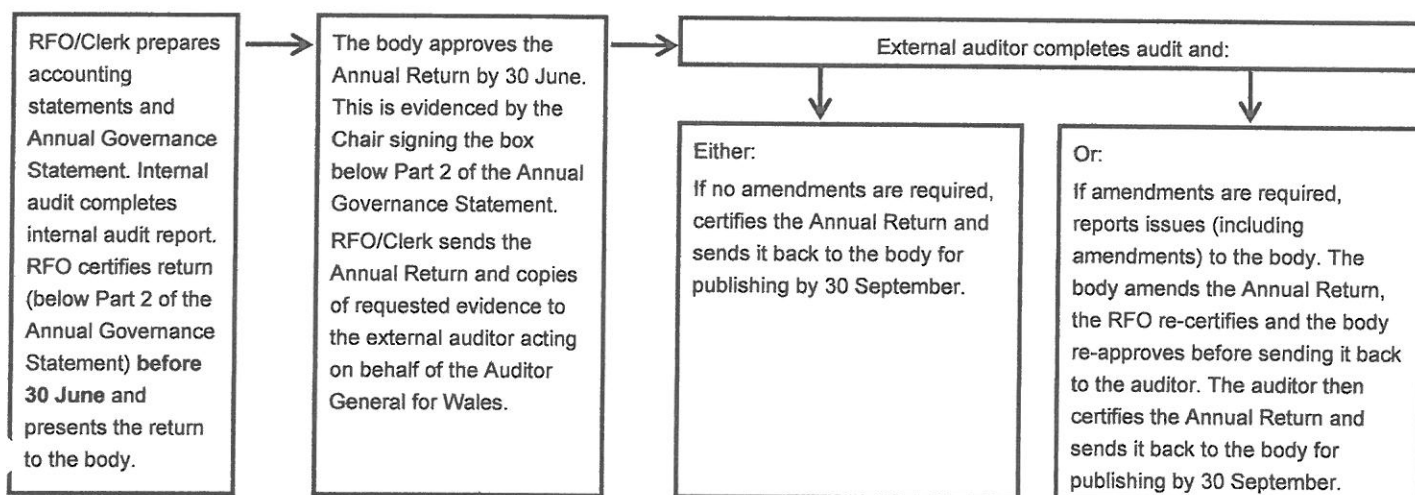
	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
ENGLISH	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	WELSH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	BILINGUALLY	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT PROCESS

Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 requires community and town councils (and their joint committees) in Wales to make up their accounts each year to 31 March and to have those accounts audited by the Auditor General for Wales. Regulation 14 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 states that smaller local government bodies i.e. those with annual income and expenditure below £2.5 million must prepare their accounts in accordance with proper practices.

For community and town councils and their joint committees, proper practices are set out in the One Voice Wales/Society of Local Council Clerks publication **Governance and accountability for local councils in Wales – A Practitioners' Guide** (the Practitioners' Guide). The Practitioners' Guide requires that they prepare their accounts in the form of an Annual Return. This Annual Return meets the requirements of the Practitioners' Guide.

The accounts and audit arrangements follow the process as set out below.



Please read the guidance on completing this Annual Return and complete all sections highlighted pink including BOTH sections of the Annual Governance Statement.

## APPROVING THE ANNUAL RETURN

There are two boxes for certification and approval by the body. The second box is only required if the Annual Return has to be amended as a result of the audit. You should only complete the top box before sending the form to the auditor.

The council must approve the Annual Return BEFORE the accounts and supporting documents are made available for public inspection under section 30 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

The Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report is to be completed by the auditor acting on behalf of the Auditor General. It MUST NOT be completed by the Clerk/RFO, the Chair or the internal auditor.

Audited and certified returns are sent back to the body for publication and display of the accounting statements, Annual Governance Statement and the Auditor General for Wales' certificate and report.

# Accounting statements 2019-20 for:

Name of body: Cefn Cribwr Community Council

	Year ending		Notes and guidance for compilers
	31 March 2019 (£)	31 March 2020 (£)	
			Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances. All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.

## Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments

1. Balances brought forward	30,213	33,790	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	30,000	30,000	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	4,766	13,053	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	7,923	8,230	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses eg. termination costs.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	23,265	35,911	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	33,790	32,703	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).

## Statement of balances

8. (+) Debtors and stock balances	0	0	<b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the value of debts owed to the body and stock balances held at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	33,790	32,703	<b>All accounts:</b> The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	0	0	<b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	33,790	32,703	<b>Total balances should equal line 7 above:</b> Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	4,250	4,250	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

14. Trust funds disclosure note	Yes	No	N/A	Yes	No	N/A	The body acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing (a) trust fund(s)/assets (readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions).
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	



## Annual Governance Statement (Part 1)

We acknowledge as the members of the Council/Board/Committee, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council/Board/Committee:	PG Ref	
	Yes	No*			
1. We have put in place arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>effective financial management during the year; and</li> <li>the preparation and approval of the accounting statements.</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Properly sets its budget and manages its money and prepares and approves its accounting statements as prescribed by law.	6, 12	
2. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and reviewed its effectiveness.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	6, 7	
3. We have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council/Board/Committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.	6	
4. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit.	6, 23	
5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council/Board/Committee and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Considered the financial and other risks it faces in the operation of the body and has dealt with them properly.	6, 9	
6. We have maintained an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems throughout the year and have received a report from the internal auditor.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	6, 8	
7. We have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the Council/Board/Committee and, where appropriate, have included them on the accounting statements.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Disclosed everything it should have about its business during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	6	
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Considered and taken appropriate action to address issues/weaknesses brought to its attention by both the internal and external auditors.	6, 8, 23	
9. Trust funds – in our capacity as trustee, we have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.</li> </ul>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.	3, 6

\* Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'no' response given; and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

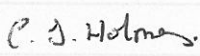
## Annual Governance Statement (Part 2)

	Agreed?			'YES' means that the Council/Board/ Committee:
	Yes	No*	N/A	
1. We have prepared and approved minutes for all meetings held by the Council (including its committees) that accurately record the business transacted and the decisions made by the Council or committee.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has kept and approved minutes in accordance with Schedule 12, Paragraph 41 of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. We have ensured that the Council's minutes (including those of its committees) are available for public inspection and have been published electronically.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has made arrangements for the minutes to be available for public inspection in accordance with section 228 of the Local Government Act 1972 and has published the minutes on its website in accordance with section 55 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

\* Please delete as appropriate.

### Council/Board/Committee approval and certification

The Council/Board/Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and for the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

<b>Certification by the RFO</b> I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/ Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2020.	<b>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</b> I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:  <b>Minute ref: AGM 15/07/20 - 6</b>
<b>RFO signature:</b> 	<b>Chair of meeting signature:</b> 
<b>Name:</b> David -Lloyd Jones	<b>Name:</b> Christopher James Holmes
<b>Date:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Date:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Council/Board/Committee re-approval and re-certification (only required if the Annual Return has been amended at audit)

<b>Certification by the RFO</b> I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council/Board/ Committee, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2020.	<b>Approval by the Council/Board/Committee</b> I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council/Board/Committee under minute reference:  <b>Minute ref:</b>
<b>RFO signature:</b>	<b>Chair of meeting signature:</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

## Auditor General for Wales' Audit Certificate and report

The external auditor conducts the audit on behalf of, and in accordance with, guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales. On the basis of their review of the Annual Return and supporting information, they report whether any matters that come to their attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2020 of:

### External auditor's report

[Except for the matters reported below]\* On the basis of our review, in our opinion, the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

[[These matters along with]\* Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the body and our recommendations for improvement are included in our report to the body dated \_\_\_\_\_.]

### Other matters and recommendations

On the basis of our review, we draw the body's attention to the following matters and recommendations which do not affect our audit opinion but should be addressed by the body.

(Continue on a separate sheet if required.)

External auditor's name:

External auditor's signature:

Date:

For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales

\* Delete as appropriate.

## Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body: Cefn Cribwr Community Council

The Council/Board/Committee's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2020.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council/Board/Committee's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council/Board/Committee.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text ALL RECORDS KEPT IN EXCELLENT + EFFICIENT MANNER
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text ALL INVOICES AND PAYMENTS CHECKED. VAT REBATE CLAIMED ON SPECIAL PROJECT. ALL CORRECT
3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text COUNCIL REVIEWED EXPENDITURE ON REGULAR BASIS AND MONITORED BY CLERK.
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text BUDGET SET AND MONITORED ON REGULAR BASIS BY CLERK. EXCELLENT RECORDS SHOWING ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS CAR PARK REWAY COMPENSATED BY INCOME
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text ALL RECORDED AND EFFICIENTLY DEALT WITH BY CLERK. ALL CHECKED TO RECORDS
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text NO PETTY CASH USED
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text WAGE RECORD CHECKED TO HMRC AGO RECORDS AND COUNCIL APPROVAL. ONLY CLERK EMPLOYED ALL DAY
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insert text ASSET RECORD CHECKED



## Guidance notes on completing the Annual Return

1. You must apply proper practices when preparing this Annual Return. Proper practices are set out in the Practitioners' Guide.
2. Make sure that the Annual Return is fully completed ie, no empty red boxes. Please avoid making any amendments to the completed return. If this is unavoidable, cross out the incorrect entries, make sure the amendments are drawn to the attention of the body, properly initialled and an explanation for them is provided to the external auditor. **Please do not use correction fluid.** Annual returns that are incomplete or contain unapproved and/or unexplained amendments or correction fluid will be returned unaudited and may incur additional costs. Ask your auditor for an electronic copy of the form if required.
3. Use a second pair of eyes, perhaps the Chair or a member, to review your Annual Return for completeness before sending the original form to the auditor.
4. Make sure that your accounting statements add up, that the balance carried forward from the previous year (line 7 of 2019) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (line 1 of 2020). Explain any differences between the 2019 figures on this Annual Return and the amounts recorded in last year's Annual Return.
5. Explain fully any significant variances in the accounting statements. Do not just send in a copy of your detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include a detailed analysis to support your explanation and be specific about the values of individual elements making up the variances.
6. Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation you send to your auditor with the Annual Return covers **all** your bank accounts and cash balances. If there are no reconciling items, please state this and provide evidence of the bank balances. If your Council holds any short-term investments, please note their value on the bank reconciliation. The auditor should also be able to agree your bank reconciliation to line 9 in the accounting statements. More help on bank reconciliations is available in the Practitioners' Guide.
7. **Every council must send to the external auditor, information to support the assertions made in the Annual Governance Statement even if you have not done so before.** Your auditor will tell you what information you need to provide. Please read the audit notice carefully to ensure you include all the information the auditor has asked for. You should send **copies** of the original records (certified by the Clerk and Chair as accurate copies) to the external auditor and not the original documents themselves.
8. Please do not send the auditor any information that you are not specifically asked for. Doing so is not helpful.
9. If the auditor has to review unsolicited information, repeat a request for information, receives an incomplete bank reconciliation or explanation of variances or receives original documents that must be returned, the auditor will incur additional costs for which they are entitled to charge additional fees.
10. **Please deal with all correspondence with the external auditor promptly.** This will help you to meet your statutory obligations and will minimise the cost of the audit.
11. **Please note that if completing the electronic form, you must print the form for it to be certified by the RFO and signed by the Chair before it is sent to the auditor.**

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean that you may not have met requirements		Done?	
Initial submission to the external auditor		Yes	No
<b>Accounts</b>	Do the papers to be sent to the external auditor include an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year?		
	Does the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2020 agree to Line 9?		
<b>Approval</b>	Has the RFO certified the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement (Regulation 15 (1)) no later than 30 June 2020?		
	Has the body approved the accounting statements before 30 June 2020 and has Section 3 been signed and dated by the person presiding at the meeting at which approval was given?		
<b>All sections</b>	Have all pink boxes in the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement been completed and explanations provided where needed?		
	Has all the information requested by the external auditor been sent with this Annual Return? Please refer to your notice of audit and any additional schedules provided by your external auditor.		
If accounts are amended after receipt of the Auditor General's report on matters arising		Yes	No
<b>Accounts</b>	Have the amended accounting statements been approved and Section 3 re-signed and re-dated as evidence of the Board's approval of the amendments before re-submission to the auditor?		