

Thirsk Town Council

Notice of conclusion of audit Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

	Notes
1. The audit of accounts for Thirsk Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2016 has been concluded and the accounts have been published.	This notice and Sections 1, 2 & 3 of the Annual Return must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the body's website.
2. The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Thirsk Town Council on application to: (a) <u>H. KEMP CLERK TO THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL</u> <u>AIMS HOUSE, ROYAL OAK COURTYARD,</u> <u>MARKET PLACE, THIRSK</u> <u>YO7 1HQ</u> (b) <u>MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY</u> <u>10.00 AM TO 12 NOON / 2.00 PM TO 4.00 PM</u>	(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the Annual Return (b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised
3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £ <u>1</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Return.	(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs
Announcement made by: (d) <u>H. KEMP CLERK TO THIRSK TOWN COUNCIL</u>	(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice
Date of announcement: (e) <u>30 SEPTEMBER 2016</u>	(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice

Section 2 – Accounting statements 2015/16 for

Enter name of smaller authority here:

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2016 £	
1. Balances brought forward	106297	102137	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	118000	126700	Total amount of precept or (for IDBs) rates and levies received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	87604	53733	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	54200	58083	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 employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the smaller authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	155564	108009	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	102137	116478	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	102137	116478	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	224462	222904	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the smaller authority as at 31 March
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets. N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.
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I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2016 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of this smaller authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date 15/06/2016

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by this smaller authority on this date:

27/06/2016

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

Date 27/6/2016

Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2015/16 Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2016 in respect of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

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Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This smaller authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The smaller authority prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2016; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review the annual 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.

External auditor report (ACNY0554)

On the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information 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.

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

We note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2016/17 for the exercise of public rights, since the approval date was after the start of the period for the exercise of public rights. As a result, the smaller authority must answer 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2017/18.

External auditor signature

PKF Littlejohn LLP

External auditor name

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Date

27/9/16

Note: The NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on 2015/16 accounts in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)