

Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24

KONNOTT PARISH COUNCIL

During the financial year ended 31 March 2024, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2023/24 has been carried out in accordance with this authority'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 alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	✓		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	✓		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	✓		
I. Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	✓		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2022/23, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2022/23 AGAR tick "not covered")	✓		
L. The authority published the required information on a website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the relevant legislation.	✓		
M. In the year covered by this AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2023-24 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2022-23 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	✓		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2022/23 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	✓		

O. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

03/06/2024

JOHN ALEXANDER ACMA GCMA

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

Date 03/06/2024

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

KONNOTT PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for 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 2024, that:

	Agreed		
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>Yes' means that this authority:</i> prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓
			has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

and recorded as minute reference:

Chair

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	
1. Balances brought forward	20929	21568	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	9095	9095	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	752	89399	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	1610	1584	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	7598	8456	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	21568	110022	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	21568	110022	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	0	0	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments 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).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)				The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)				The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in the Annual Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

S. D. W. -

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of

KORROTT PARISH COUNCIL

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/> .

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 2024; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2023/24

(Except for the matters reported below)* 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. (*delete as appropriate).

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

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

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3 External auditor certificate 2023/24

We certify/do not 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 2024.

We do not certify completion because:

External Auditor Name

External Auditor Signature

Date

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

BANK RECONCILIATION: LLOYDS BANK

Balances as at 31.03.24

Business Instant Access Acct	10,308.00
Treasurer's Acct	9714.00
Fixed Term Deposit	90,000.00
Total	----- 110022.00

Petty Cash: Not Applicable

VARIATION:

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) from East Cambridgeshire District Council
In relation to ne housing scheme - £90,000.00

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S.Dwan

.....
Date

Explanation of variances – pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

County area (local councils and parish meetings only):

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxes where relevant:

• variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);

• New from 2020/21 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on year;

	2022/23 £	2023/24 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input. DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	20,929	21,568				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	9,095	9,095	0	0.00%	NO		
3 Total Other Receipts	752	89,399	88,647	11788.16%	YES		Receipt of CIL monies in the sum of £88,927.14 from East Cambs District Council in respect of the new housing development.
4 Staff Costs	1,610	1,584	-26	1.61%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
6 All Other Payments	7,598	8,456	858	11.29%	NO		
7 Balances Carried Forward	21,568	110,022				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	0	0				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		
10 Total Borrowings	0	0	0	0.00%	NO		

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

**INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW
YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024**

**S. & J. Accountancy Services
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Ely
Cambs
CB6 1PJ**

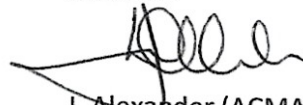
KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

CHECKLIST

Comments

Bank Reconciliation	Agreed
Standing Orders	All applied
Policy & Financial Reg Documents	Seen all ok
Documents supporting Payments	All in place
Committee Minutes	Seen all ok
Petty Cash	There were none
Asset Register	Not seen


J. Alexander (ACMA GCMA)

3rd June 2024

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL**ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023/4**

	(2024)	(2023)
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£ p	£ p
Precept	9,095.00	9,095.00
Contribution to Grasscutting	0.00	505.16
Burial Fees	0.00	228.00
CIL	88,927.14	0.00
Miscellaneous - Brandon Dist. Fun	364.00	0.00
Interest Earned	<u>108.61</u>	<u>19.31</u>
Total Receipts	<u>98,494.75</u>	<u>9,847.47</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£ p	£ p
Clerks Total Salary	1,584.00	1,610.20
Payroll Services	108.00	54.00
Office Costs	295.00	140.00
Scribe Accounting System	291.60	0.00
Election Uncontested Expenses	250.00	0.00
Highway Improvement Application Fee	500.00	0.00
Donation	180.00	500.00
Grasscutting	1,470.00	1,848.00
Hedgecutting - Church & Churchyard	307.20	0.00
Susbscriptions	339.91	265.60
Insurance	507.32	479.19
Hall Hire	195.00	180.00
Street Lighting - Electricity	2,381.93	1,940.75
Street Lighting Maintenance	660.00	720.00
Water Charges	67.91	35.51
Website Charges - Hosting .Domain & Development	682.42	1,085.98
Internal Auditor	75.00	70.00
Dogs Dispenser Waste Bags	144.90	279.24
Total Expenditure	<u>10,040.19</u>	<u>9,208.47</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	<u>88,454.56</u>	<u>639.00</u>
Balance Bfwd- Business Instant Account	10,199.46	10,748.85
Balance Bfwd- Treasurer Account	<u>11,368.54</u>	<u>10,180.15</u>
	21,568.00	20,929.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	88,454.56	639.00
Balance Carried Forward	<u>110,022.56</u>	<u>21,568.00</u>
Balances as 31.03.2024		
Balance Bfwd- Business Instant Account	10,308.07	11,368.54
Balance Bfwd- Treasurer Account	9,714.49	10,199.46
Fixed Term Deposit	90,000.00	0.00
	<u>110,022.56</u>	<u>21,568.00</u>

ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL**ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024****ANALYSIS OF TREASURERS ACCOUNT**

Bank State No	Receipts £ p	Payments £ p	Movement £ p	Cumulative Balance £ p
Bal Bfwd				11,368.54
April	4,547.50	-237.60	4,309.90	15,678.44
May		-1,680.97	-1,680.97	13,997.47
June		-428.33	-428.33	13,569.14
July	364.00	-1,888.41	-1,524.41	12,044.73
August		-426.04	-426.04	11,618.69
Sept	4,547.50	-627.88	3,919.62	15,538.31
Oct		-1,212.95	-1,212.95	14,325.36
Nov	88,927.14	-424.04	88,503.10	102,828.46
Dec		-1,195.20	-1,195.20	101,633.26
Jan		-90,674.40	-90,674.40	10,958.86
Feb		-505.45	-505.45	10,453.41
March		-738.92	-738.92	9,714.49
	98,386.14	-100,040.19	-1,654.05	
		-1,654.05		

ANALYSIS OF BUSINESS BANK INSTANT

Bank State No	Receipts Interest £ p	Payments £ p	Movement £ p	Cumulative Balance £ p
Bal Bfwd				10,199.46
April	6.46		6.46	10,205.92
May	5.80		5.80	10,211.72
June	6.50		6.50	10,218.22
July	6.94		6.94	10,225.16
August	7.56		7.56	10,232.72
Sept	9.56		9.56	10,242.28
Oct	9.43		9.43	10,251.71
Nov	11.32		11.32	10,263.03
Dec	11.70		11.70	10,274.73
Jan	10.61		10.61	10,285.34
Feb	11.36		11.36	10,296.70
March	11.37		11.37	10,308.07
	108.61	0.00	108.61	
	108.61			

LLOYDS BANK -FIXED TERM DEPOSIT

Bank
£90,000.00