

The authority is complying with the laws, regulations and proper practices relating to digital and data compliance.

P. Trust Funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.

The Council does not have any trust funds.

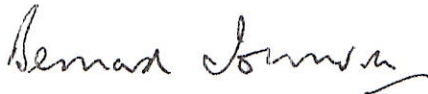
Conclusion.

I have marked all the categories on the internal audit form as conforming to the required standard on the basis that under risk management there is little, or no risk attached to the council from any of the comments I have made.

I mentioned previously that the bold headings were from my internal audit report and they, together with the points I commented upon in my report should provide the basis on which the council's own internal controls are set. The Council's Internal Control mechanism has been very efficient, and I would again like to place on record my thanks to Councillor Counsell for undertaking the Internal Control Check. The previous clerk has now left and a locum clerk took the reins until a new clerk was appointed. This was not ideal and has caused a few problems with regard to the Internal Audit, specifically that there was no Receipts & Payments Account. I have constructed one and the matter has been sorted out and I am happy that things are in order moving forward. I would mention that if the new clerk requires any assistance, I will be pleased to help without compromising my independent status.

From my internal audit testing there is no evidence of any irregularities, and I would like to thank the previous Clerk for the very professional way she maintained the records and vouchers for this internal Audit.

Yours faithfully



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12th May 2026