

Ecclesfield Parish Council - Internal Audit of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2021 Final Report

Report to Full Council 2 September 2021

The purpose of this paper is to update Council on the key outcomes and proposed actions taken as a result of the Independent Audit of the Council's financial systems for the financial year ending 31 March 2021. The Council is requested to consider the paper and its proposed action with a view to recommending them for approval.

Key Outcome			
<i>'Appropriate tests and checks were carried out on the accounts and management arrangements to confirm that the systems are of financial and other controls over the council's activities and operating procedures continue to be effective...I can report that this year all of the required control objectives have been met'.</i>			
Identified Action	Proposed Action	By Whom	By When
Internal Control Objectives – Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)			
<i>'During 2020/21, in part due to the significant difficulties in working during the pandemic but principally due to the changes in staffing and loss of staff there were difficulties in maintaining the accounting systems accurately. Staff at that time temporarily reverted to the previous system to ensure the records were kept up to date and were accurate....Going forward it is important that the problems with the ensuring that the accounting system is properly maintained are resolved'.</i>	The Clerk/Administrative Officer to ensure that the problems with the accounting system are resolved.	Clerk/RFO	June 2021