

# Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19

## STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

The internal audit for 2018/19 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   | Agreed? Please choose one of the following |                          |   |
|--|--|--------------------------|---|
|  | Yes  | No*                      | Not covered**   |
| A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| C. This authority 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"/>                              |
| D. The precept or rates 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"/>                              |
| E. 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"/>                              |
| F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| 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.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| 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. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>                              |
| K. IF the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2017/18, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. ("Not Covered" should only be ticked where the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2017/18 AGAR)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                   |
| L. During summer 2018 this authority has correctly provided the proper opportunity for the exercise of public rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.  | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| M. (For local councils only)<br>Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.  | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not applicable<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

26/02/2019 22/05/2019

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

H L BARNES AND SONS

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

H L Barnes and Sons

Date

31/05/2019

\*If the response is 'no' you must include a note to 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).