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27 September 2018

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Mr W P Falkenau
Wantage Town Council
The Beacon
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Dear Mr Falkenau

**Wantage Town Council
Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year ended 31 March 2018**

Please find enclosed your Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2018.

We also enclose a note of our charges based on the fixed rate audit fee as set by the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd.

The Annual Return was submitted beyond our deadline of 10 July 2018.

Would you please note for future reference that pages 1-6 of the AGAR need to be submitted to the external auditors (us).

Authorities who have not claimed exemption

Regulation 13 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that Authorities, who are not inactive Authorities, must publish the following (including on the Authority's website):

- (a) The Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement
- (b) The auditor's certificate and opinion
- (c) Any public interest report or other recommendation of the auditor.
- (d) A blank form of Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit for your use

The notice must also state that an elector may inspect those documents at all reasonable times and without payment. The address and times when this inspection may be carried out must also be given.

A Notice of Conclusion of Audit form is available, if required, on our website using the link here <http://bit.ly/SmallerAuthorities>.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Rossiter
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Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of **WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL**

1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

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 2018; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability 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.

2 External auditor report 2017/18

~~(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 2017/18

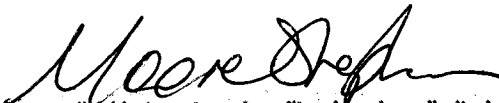
We ~~certify~~ ~~do not certify~~ that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2018.

~~We do not certify completion because:~~

External Auditor Name

MOORE STEPHENS

External Auditor Signature



Date

24/09/2018

*Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018 Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

- 1 The audit of accounts for Wantage Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2018 has been completed and the accounts have been published.**
- 2 The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector in the area of Wantage Town Council on application to**

**Miss M Green
Wantage Town Council
Council Offices
The Beacon
Portway
Wantage
OX12 9BX**

To arrange a viewing please contact Miss M Green at the above address or email mgreenwtc@btconnect.com or telephone 01235 763459 between the hours of 9.30 and 12.30 on a weekday.

Announcement made by: WP Falkenau. Town Clerk

Date: 1 October 2018