

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**REPORT 23/25** 

9 JUNE 2025

The purpose of this report is to request the Town Council's approval in respect of Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year 2024/25 and to authorise the Mayor to sign it accordingly.

## NO. DETAIL

## I) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council is required to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year 2024/25 to its External Auditors by 30 June 2025 which contains the following:
  - Section 1: An Annual Governance statement
  - Section 2: Accounting Statements for the year
- **b)** Section 3 is the External Auditor Certificate and opinion that is completed by the appointed Auditor.
- 2) ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN: SECTION 2 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2024/25.
  - a) A copy of the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return's Accounting Statements 2024/25 is attached to this Report.
  - b) The figures in it have been approved by the Town Council's Internal Auditor and signed by the Responsible Finance Officer.

## 3) **RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to resolve that the Town Council:

- i) approves the Accounting Statements 2024/25 in Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return attached to Report 23/25 for this meeting;
- ii) authorises its Mayor to sign Section 2 accordingly; and
- iii) asks its Town Clerk to submit the completed return together with the required additional papers in advance of the 30 June 2025 deadline.
- iv) The exercise of public rights are to take place from Tuesday 17 June until Monday 28 July 2025.