

Whiteparish Parish Council

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Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026: Supplementary Information

An explanation for each 'no' response on the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026

Following an approved period of long-term medical leave, the Clerk/RFO has recently returned to work.

“As RFO, I have identified outstanding Council approvals and am implementing corrective actions in the first part of the new financial year. These will be finalised ahead of the 2026/27 AGAR submission.

Explanation of 'No' to Assertion 2 (Internal Control) on the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026

Reason: It has been identified that an adequate system of internal control was not maintained as the Asset Register was not reviewed and approved during 2025/2026.

Action: The Council will review and approve the Asset Register in early 2026/2027.

Explanation of 'No' to Assertion 10 (Digital and Data Compliance) on the Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026.

Reason: It has been identified that not all Councillors are using a gov.uk email address.

Action: All Councillors will be asked to use the gov.uk email to ensure compliance with the requirements of the new Assertion 10.

9th April 2026