

AGAR 24/25 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement

Explanation for 'No' statement

Question 2: All authority members receive a monthly bank reconciliation, bank statement, and cashbook copy for review. Signatories also review and sign monthly invoices at the time of cheque signing. However, the authority recognises that internal controls can be strengthened and the adequacy of existing controls was questioned. As a result, the authority responded 'No' to this question for the 2024/25 financial year. To enhance oversight for 2025/26, an individual member was appointed at the May 2025 meeting to conduct quarterly internal control checks using the Local Council Association's model checklist.