

Chesil Bank Parish Council

Statement of Assurance

2018-19

Internal Auditor: Mr Keith Sumner

External Auditor: PKF Littlejohn new for 2017-18 as agreed with NALC

Members of the Finance and General Purposes Working Group of Chesil Bank Parish Council to carry out a review of the Council's internal audit process at its meeting on 16th October 2018 and its effectiveness will be confirmed.

In undertaking this review the following areas have been considered:

1. The scope of the internal audit
2. The independence of the Council's Internal Auditor
3. The competence of the Internal Auditor- agreed by NALC
4. The relationship between the Internal Auditor and the Council
5. Audit planning and reporting

Comments:

1. The scope of the internal audit as detailed on the Annual Return is considered to be effective for Chesil Bank PC meeting on 5th November 2018
2. The Council's Internal Auditor does not have any other role within the Council, i.e. is independent of members of the Parish Council and the Clerk, but does maintain regular contact with the Clerk. The Internal Auditor is aware of the details of the Budget working group meetings.
3. The Internal Auditor's qualifications are appropriate. The Internal Auditor has experience in auditing accounts. There is no evidence of failure to carry out the internal audit work ethically, with integrity and objectivity.
4. The Clerk/RFO has been consulted on the internal audit plan.
5. The annual internal audit report and risk assessment properly take into account all of the risks facing the Council and have been approved by the Council.

Michele Harding
Clerk & RFO

16th October 2018