

STIRCHLEY AND BROOKSIDE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021 – 2022: EXCEPT FOR MATTERS

ID	STATEMENT	AGREED	COMMENT	REMEDIAL ACTION
1	We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	Yes	None required	Maintain as is
2	We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	No	Insufficient number of meetings held during the year.	Process to be reviewed and Councillor scrutiny to be increased to level to satisfy Council that adequate control maintained.
3	We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	Yes	None required	Maintain as is
4	We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	Yes	None required	Maintain as is
5	We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Yes	None required	Maintain as is
6	We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	No	This was not implemented throughout the year, only at the year-end.	Interim reviews to be scheduled for future periods.
7	We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	No	Several internal audit issues remain outstanding which are addressed in the plan.	Periodic reviews of progress to address these to be undertaken and findings presented to Council.
8	We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	Yes	None required	Maintain as is

Chris Maclean, Locum Responsible Financial Officer to the Council

17 February 2023