Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 3

To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
 - · are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
 - · have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

- Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 must complete Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with *Proper Practices*.
- 2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts, pages 3 to 6:
 - The Annual Internal Audit Report must be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - Sections 1 and 2 must be completed and approved by the authority.
 - · Section 3 is completed by the external auditor and will be returned to the authority.
- The authority must approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, before approving Section 2, Accounting Statements, and both must be approved and published on the authority website/webpage before 1 July 2022.
- 4. An authority with either gross income or gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 or an authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000, but which is unable to certify itself as exempt, or is requesting a limited assurance review, must return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2022. Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
 - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
 - a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2022
 - · an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
 - · notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
 - Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22

Unless requested, do not send any additional documents to your external auditor. Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed.

Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability Section1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate will be returned to the authority by email or post.

Publication Requirements

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities must publish the following information on the authority website/webpage:

Before 1 July 2022 authorities must publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- · Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22, approved and signed, page 4
- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2021/22, approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2022 authorities must publish:

- Notice of conclusion of audit
- Section 3 External Auditor Report and Certificate
- Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review.

It is recommended as best practice, to avoid any potential confusion by local electors and interested parties, that you also publish the Annual Internal Audit Report, page 3.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22

- The authority must comply with Proper Practices in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR. Proper Practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to time and contains everything needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end and the subsequent work by the external auditor.
- Make sure that the AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. If the AGAR contains unapproved or unexplained amendments, it may be returned and additional costs will be incurred.
- The authority should receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness before returning it to the external
 auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2022.
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) must be approved on the same day or before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) must certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority must in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- · The RFO is required to commence the public rights period as soon as practical after the date of the AGAR approval.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically requested. However, you must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the AGAR covers all the bank accounts. If the authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree the bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (Section 2, page 5). An explanation must be provided of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide*.
- Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 5. Do not just send a copy of the detailed
 accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the
 reasons for all variances. Include complete numerical and narrative analysis to support the full variance.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or variances are not fully explained, additional costs may be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2021) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2022).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, must set the commencement date for the
 exercise of public rights of 30 consecutive working days which must include the first ten working days of July.
- The authority must publish on the authority website/webpage the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor before 1 July 2022.

Sompletion checki	ist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	/	1
	Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, been provided for the external auditor?	1	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	1	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', has an explanation been published?	/	
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?	/	
	Has an explanation of significant variations been published where required?	/	
	Has the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2022 been reconciled to Box 8?	V	
man and a second	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?	/	TV.
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? NB : do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	/	

^{*}Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices, can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2022, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2021/22 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	1000		Not
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	Yes	No*	covered
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	/		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	/		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			NIA
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	/		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	/		
Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	1/		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	5 /		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2020/21, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2020/21 AGAR tick "not covered")			/
L. The authority publishes information on a free to access website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with any relevant transparency code requirements	1		
M. The authority, during the previous year (2020-21) correctly provided for the period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (evidenced by the notice published on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	/		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2020/21 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	1		MI, SP
D. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) - The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	1 11 11 11		

The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

2-Jun-22

AULINE BECKETT

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

We acknowledge as the members of:

BELLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, that:

	Age	reed		
	Yes	No*	'Yes' n	neans that this authority:
 We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements. 	1		prepar with th	red its accounting statements in accordance e Accounts and Audit Regulations.
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	1		made for safe	proper arrangements and accepted responsibility eguarding the public money and resources in rge.
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.	1		has on compli	ly done what it has the legal power to do and has ed with Proper Practices in doing so.
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.	1		during	the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
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.	/		conside faces a	ered and documented the financial and other risks it and dealt with them properly.
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	1		control:	ed for a competent person, independent of the financial s and procedures, to give an objective view on whether I controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	/	MINISTER STATE		ded to matters brought to its attention by internal and
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.	1		disclose during t end if re	ed everything it should have about its business activity the year including events taking place after the year elevant.
 (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit. 	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

^{*}Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved	at	8
meeting of the authority on:		

16.05.2022.

and recorded as minute reference:

530/16

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

Clerk

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Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2021/22 for

BELLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

	Year	ending	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2022 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures mus agree to underlying financial records.
Balances brought forward	25380	29266	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	11 200	11760	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	24290	75476	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	4892	5029	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments 	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any)
6. (-) All other payments	26712	60847	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	29266	50 266	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
Total value of cash and short term investments	29266	50266	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	20000	45640	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust fund (including charitable)	Yes	No N/A	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
(modding diantable)		V	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2022 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities — a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

Date

16-05-2022

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

16.05.2022.

as recorded in minute reference:

530/17

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2021/22

In respect of

BELLERBY PARISH COUNCIL

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website — https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Acco no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant i (*delete as appropriate).	untability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and egislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.
(continue on a separate sheet if required)	
Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authorit	
attention of the authorit	ry:
(continue on a separate sheet if required)	
3 External auditor certificate 2021/22	-1997
We certify/do not certify* that we have completed our review of Secti	one found 2 of the day of the
	Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 for
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Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 3 Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*

Explanation of variances - pro forma

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Next, please provide full explanations, including numerical values, for the following that will be flagged in the green boxas where relevant:

• variables of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £300);

• New from 2020/21 onwards: variances of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the % variation year on a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the armual preceptrates & levies value (Box 2).

	2020/21 E	2021/22 E	2021/22 Variance Variance	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Automatic responses ingger bolow based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES	Explanation from smaller authority (must include negrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	28,380	29,288				Explanation of % variance from PY operang balance not required • Balance brought forward agrees	
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	11,800	11,780	99	5.00%	ON.		
3 Total Other Receipts	24,260	15,478	61,186 210.73%	210.73%	YES	21,850 in g	71,850 in grant funding receive. Please see Tab Shaet 1
4 Staff Costs	4,692	820'9	137	2.80%	NO		
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment		ST. 9356	0	0.00%	ON		
6 All Other Payments	20,712	60,847	34,135 127.79%	27.79%	YES	54,381 in g Tab Sheet	54,381 in grant funding expenditure on Community Garden and Flood alleviation work. Please see Tab Sheet 1
7 Balances Carried Forward	29,266	80,286				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	
					YES	S TAB AS S ARE LOCAL	Flood Allevisition Grant funding underscend and Community Carden processed
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	29,288	80,268				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED	Plantonia Company Company
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	000'0Z DU	66,369	29,359 146.80%	46.80%	YES	Purchase of	Purchase of Greenhouse, benches noticeboards & equirment Places and Tak Chapt 4
10 Total Borrowings	0	No. 6 Gal.	0	%00.0	ON		I Viduro nos sossas succedidades
Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable	olerable						

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

Variance of Receipts

Company	Particulars	Gr	ants
	to design published by the six	£	180,571.24
2 Ridings Foundation		£	10,000.00
Richmondshire DC	Community Garden Funding	£	12,850.00
2 Ridings Foundation		£	48,000.00
Richmondshire DC	Community Garden Funding	£	1,000.00
	Variance of Payments		
Company	Particulars	То	tal Payment
		£	54,360.62
Hartleys Botanic	Community Garden	£	14,275.00
DG&M construction	Community Garden	£	9,264.36
DG&M construction	Community Garden Walls & Culvert Repair	£	10,080.14
Clerk	Flood Alleviation work - Ballot	£	139.92
Metcalfe Farms	Flood Alleviation work	£	20,000.00
Richmondshire DC	Flood Alleviation work - Ballot	£	601.20
	Variance of Assets		
Company	Particulars	Tot	al Payment
		£	29,357.98
Hartleys Botanic	Greenhouse deposit pd in 2020 delivered 2021	£	12,487.00
Hartleys Botanic	Community Garden	£	14,275.00
Sustainable Furniture	Memorial Bench	£	340.00
Staples	Filing Cabinet	£	139.98
David Ward	Noticeboard	£	330.00
David Ward	Gates & noticeboard	£	200.00
Sustainable Furniture	Memorial & village bench	£	1,586.00

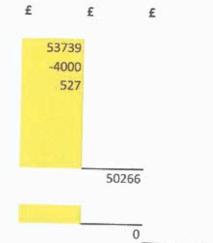
Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:



Flood Alleviation work underspend
Community Garden overspend
General Reserves
Reserve 4
Reserve 5
Reserve 6
Reserve 7



50266

General reserve

Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)

Contact details

Name of smaller authority:	_Bellerby Pari	ish Council	
County Area (local councils and	parish meetings only):	_Richmondshire_	

Please complete this form and send it back to us the AGAR or exemption certificate

	Clerk/RFO (Main contact)	Chair
Name	Lynn Watkinson	John Hutchinson
Address	5 Belle Vue Terrace Bellerby DL8 5QL	Hall Garth Moor Road Bellerby DL8 5QX
Daytime telephone number	07772245552	01969 623 663
Mobile telephone number	As above	
Email address	Bellerby.pc@gmail.com	john1hutchinson@btinternet.com

Bellerby Parish Council

Bank reconciliation year ending 31st March 2022

2020	£ 15,675.32 £	£ 25,551.25 £ 41,166.57 £ 15,785.65 £ 25,380.92
2021	£ 25,558.92 £ £ 178.00 £ 25,380.92	£ 35,490.23 £ 60,871.15 £ 31,604.95 £ 29,266.20
2022	£ 29,576.20 £ - £ 310.00 £ 29,266.20	£ 87,236.26 £ 116,502.46 £ 65,876.86 £ 50,625.60
Opening Balances	Balance Deposit a/c at 1st April Balance Treasurer a/c at 1st April Add uncleared receipts Less uncleared payments TOTAL OF ACCOUNTS	Add receipts SUBTOTAL Less payments TOTAL

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4	J	44	۱۳	£	44
150,923.80	ı	50,923.80		298.20	50,625.60

Balance Deposit a/c at 31st March Balance Treasurer a/c at 31st March

TOTAL

Closing Balances

Add uncleared receipts Less uncleared payments

178.00

25,380.92

25,558.92

25,558.92

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CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Name of smaller authority: Bellerby Parish Council

County Area (local councils and parish meetings only): Richmondshire , North Yorkshire

On behalf of the smaller authority, I confirm that the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights are as follows:

Commencing on Monday 13th June 2022

and ending on Friday 22nd July 2022

(Please enter the dates set by the smaller authority as appropriate which <u>must</u> be 30 working days (i.e. Monday – Friday only, and not Bank Holidays) inclusive and <u>must</u> include the first 10 working days of July 2022 (i.e. Friday 1 July – Thursday 14 July).

We have suggested the following dates: Monday 13 June – Friday 22 July 2022. The latest possible dates that comply with the statutory requirements are Friday 1 July – Thursday11 August 2022.)

Signed: Lynn Watkinson

Role: Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

This form is only for use by smaller authorities subject to a review:

Please submit this form to PKF Littlejohn LLP with the AGAR Form 3 and other requested documentation – this form is not for publication on your website.