## Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

chittlehampton Parish cauncil

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 2024, that:

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	Yes	No*	'Yes' me	ans that this authority:	
<ol> <li>We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.</li> </ol>	10	AAN		d its accounting statements in accordance Accounts and Audit Regulations.	
<ol> <li>We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.</li> </ol>	12 and	12	made pr for safeg its charg	oper arrangements and accepted responsibility guarding the public money and resources in ge.	
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.	and the second	1 Pros	annlin	done what it has the legal power to do and has d 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.	exts	1 spir	inspect	he year gave all persons interested the opportunity to and ask questions about this authority's accounts.	
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.	WAF	18	considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.		
<ol> <li>We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.</li> </ol>	WAR	· E.	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.		
<ol> <li>We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.</li> </ol>	Jun	· Ses	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.		
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.			disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.		
<ol> <li>(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.</li> </ol>	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 a meeting of the authority on:

17/07/24

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

and recorded as minute reference:

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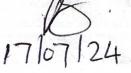
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## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

	Year ending		Notes and guidance	
1 P-1	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.	
1. Balances brought forward	12,842	19,342	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	12.635	12.635	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.	
3. (+) Total other receipts	13175	27.572	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	3,061	5.758	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.	
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	567	567	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if ar	
6. (-) All other payments	15,682	34.884	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	19,342	18,340	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).	
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	19.32+2	18,340	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	12-1816	44116	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	1.314	Hata	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).	
For Local Councils Only	Yes	No N/A	<b>N</b>	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust (including charitable)	funds		The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.	
11b. Disclosure note re Trust (including charitable)	funds	-	<ul> <li>The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.</li> </ul>	

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 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



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

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as recorded in minute reference:

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

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