

Annual Governance Statement

Response to Assertion 1

At the start of May the Internal Auditor informed the Clerk/RFO that they were unable to conduct the Internal Audit due to ill health. Following a period to find a new Auditor, getting the necessary quotations and availability and then Council approval, the new Internal Auditor was engaged to complete the audit between the 2nd and 8th June, and the necessary documents were delivered. Owing to personal reasons the audit was further delayed. The Clerk/RFO then had to have an operation involving a general anaesthetic, this prevented the signing of official documents. The earliest date that a meeting of the Council could be convened with the Internal Audit and supporting documents for the AGAR being available and giving the statutory 3 days' notice of a meeting was 1st July 2025.