

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2012/13 for

STANFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance		
	31 March 2012 £	31 March 2013 £			
1 Balances brought forward	2035	2103	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 (+) Annual precept	4200	3000	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year.		
3 (-) Total other receipts	398	275	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.		
4 (-) Staff costs	1889	1954	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.		
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).		
6 (-) All other payments	2641	1928	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).		
7 (=) Balances carried forward	2103	1496	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6)		
8 Total cash and short term investments	2103	1496	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 other long term investments and assets	2359	2359	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the council 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 (if Applicable) Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	YES	NO	YES	NO	(if applicable) The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures in the accounting statements above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2013 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

K Bulthudde

Date 15/05/2013

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

15/05/2013

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

PP *Ken Bulthudde* DB

Date 15/05/2013

Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2012/13

We acknowledge as the members of:

STANFORD PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including 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 2013, that:

	Agreed –		Yes means that the council:
	Yes	No	
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3 We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done 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.	✓		during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council accounting records and control systems.	✓		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 the council.
7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		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 the council 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.
9 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	YES	NO	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.
		NA	
		✓	

This annual governance statement is approved by the council and recorded as minute reference

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dated 15/05/2013

Signed by:

Chair 

dated 15/05/2013

Signed by:

Clerk 

dated 15/05/2013

***Note:** Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the council will address the weaknesses identified.