

Explanation of 'No' answers.

The internal auditor has recommended that Fittleworth Parish Council answer No to question 5 of the Annual Governance Statement. The reason for this is, although we have internal controls and procedures in place, a Risk Assessment Document has not been reviewed and adopted at a meeting of the Parish Council. This will be on the Agenda at the next Full Council meeting on 19th June 2023.

Please see below comment from the Internal Auditor.

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.	<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>	NO – the council did not review and adopt a risk management scheme during
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The internal audit also noted that the Notice of Conclusion of audit for 2021/22 was not published on the website by 30th September 2022. This has now been rectified.

Audit findings

*I was able to confirm that the Notice of Public Rights is published on the council website along with the External Auditor Report and Certificate, although **the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has not been published and the publication requirements for 2021/22 have therefore NOT been met.***