

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR TO
SYSTON TOWN COUNCIL 2017 - 2018

I have now completed my internal audit of Syston Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2017. I reviewed the draft annual accounts for 2017/2018 and also the entries in the annual return to be submitted to the external auditor. There are no issues upon which I feel I need comment resulting from the audit following my earlier report of 14th March 2018.

I have carried out all the tests which have been suggested by the Audit Commission and have completed section 4 of the Annual Return. There are 11 control objectives laid down in Section 4 of the Audit Commission's Annual Return. The internal auditor has to give an opinion as to whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council.

General Comment

Section 1 of the Annual Return is the Annual Governance Statement which the council as a whole is responsible for completing. The external auditor can ask for additional documentary evidence to verify that any or all of the assertions made on the statement can be substantiated. I would therefore recommend all members of the council to familiarise themselves with the requirements of section 1 of the Annual Return.

This section is often completed after the internal auditor has completed his/her part and therefore has no way of knowing whether this section has been completed in an accurate manner. Nor does it form part of the role of the internal auditor to verify its accuracy.

Finally I would like to thank your all members of the office staff for the help and assistance provided to me during the course of both the interim and final audits. The manner in which Syston Town Council maintains its accounting and other records is a credit to all the staff.

Ian Fraser CPFA
2nd May 2018