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Explanation of 'No' response in Section 1: Annual Governance Statement and Internal Audit report

1. Internal Audit Report - Explanation of 'No' Tick under Objective C:

Weston on the Green Parish Council reviewed the internal audit arrangements following the internal audit report received in May 2025 from the internal auditor – Albry Audits.

The auditor highlighted that Objective C had not been met and ticked 'No':

'This Authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these'.

The auditor indicated that the effectiveness of internal audit had not been reviewed.

The end of year and mid-year internal audit reports were reviewed, actioned and minuted at Parish Council meetings, but not specifically a report on the effectiveness of that internal audit.

From JPEG: 1.20 Review of effectiveness - Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the authority to conduct a financial year review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The review needs to inform the authorities preparation of its annual governance statement.

The Parish Council reviewed the internal audit report at 4th June 2025 Parish Council meeting (Minute Reference: 25.424.14) and provided feedback comments for each item (attached).

The Parish Council confirmed that it maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption. Whilst the Parish Council was aware of all measures of internal control that had been put in place during the year and regularly discussed the internal auditors reports it was agreed that it had not produced a report covering the effectiveness of internal control.

A report on the Effectiveness of Internal Control FY 2024-25 was also discussed and approved at 4th June 2025 Parish Council meeting (Minute Reference: 25.424.15).

The effectiveness of internal control will be formally reviewed annually prior to 31st March.

2. Annual Governance Statement 2024/25- Section 1: Explanation of 'No' Tick under statement 2:

On reviewing the internal auditors comments the Council note that the review of the effectiveness of internal control was not in place by 31st March 2025 and therefore statement 2 was ticked as a 'No'. *Parish Council Meeting Approval: 4th June 2025, Minute Reference: 25.424.16.*

'We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness'.

The Parish Council confirm that all controls and reviews are now in place to support the statements within the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) going forwards.