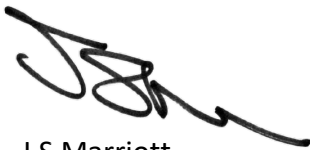


**CASTLETON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026**

I have carried out an Internal Audit of the Council's books and records in accordance with the Council's requirements and planned coverage under the guidelines of Governance and Accountability for Local Councils. My Internal Audit and this Report are undertaken in order to assist the Parish Council in completing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2025/26 and is not a replacement for an External Audit. My work has been carried out on a sample basis to provide an assessment of compliance with the relevant policy and controls that are expected to be in operation during the above financial year. Where areas of concern are encountered additional work is undertaken to ascertain the extent of the problem and to form an opinion as to the effect on Council finances. Advice can then be given to correct the situation and the Council can then agree further controls where necessary to ensure future compliance with regulations. My audit has covered the work carried out by the Clerk to the Council ensuring that all relevant regulations have been met and the Council's resolutions have been carried out in a proper, timely and correct manner.

I have ticked the "Not Covered" response in section F of the Internal Audit Report on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return as the Parish Council does not operate a Petty Cash system.

My inspection of the Parish Council's books, records and procedures has not found any matters that should be brought before the Council for further action. I conclude that the system of internal control in place for 2025/26 was effective and functioning properly.



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12<sup>th</sup> May 2026