

Vigo Parish Council

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<u>Explanation of "NO" response to question 7, on the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 for Vigo Parish Council.</u>

The external audit certificate for 2020-21, dated 20 September 2021, has a qualification for failing to comply with an instruction that the Governance Statement assertion on public rights should be a "no" answer. It was reported to the Council on 18 October 2021 with the qualification stated in full but there was no action recorded. The council is required by regulation to consider the auditor's report and must address any issues raised, or if none should note that no action is needed.

In the case above the internal auditor has commented that in their view the Council had not complied with the requirement to consider audit reports so that the Governance Statement assertion for 2021-22 about internal and external audit should be answered "no".

The Parish Council has taken the internal auditor's comment on the lack of compliance on board, with it being noted at the Full Parish Council meeting on 20th June 2022. The Parish Council feel there is no further action needed at this point.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Glass.

Clerk, For and on behalf of Vigo Parish Council