

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2020/21

We acknowledge as the members of

Enter name of
reporting joint committee

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2021, that:

	Agreed –		Yes* <small>means that the joint committee</small>
	Yes	No	
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the guidance notes within this Annual Return.	YES	-	prepared its accounting statements and approved them.
2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	YES	-	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3 We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with generally accepted good practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the joint committee to conduct its business or on its finances.	YES	-	has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with generally accepted good practice.
4 We provided opportunity during the year for interested persons to inspect and ask questions about the accounts.	YES	-	has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about these joint committee accounts.
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the joint committee and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	YES	-	considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the joint committee's accounting records and control systems.	YES	-	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the joint committee.
7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal audit and external reviews.	YES	-	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external reviewers.
8 We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the joint committee and where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	YES	-	disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.

This annual governance statement is approved by the Joint Committee and recorded as minute reference

AUDIT MATTERS (C)

dated 07/06/21

Signed by:

Chair J. M. Aris

dated 07/06/21

Signed by:

Clerk J. W. Rish

dated 07/06/21

*Note: Please provide explanations on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the joint committee will address the weaknesses identified.