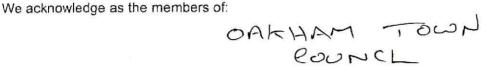
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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, that:

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	Yes	No	'Yes' m	eans that this authority:
 We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements. 	V			ed its accounting statements in accordance a Accounts and Audit Regulations.
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	/			proper arrangements and accepted responsibility guarding the public money and resources in ge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential n-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper ctices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.		/	The Cou process'	incil became aware and did not challenge the Clerk when some s stopped, for example monthly bank reconciliation.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			The Council failed to ensure ALL documents were on the website, this is now being addressed.	
6 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.		/	When faced with a failure to follow process there was no remedial activity undertaken until the Clerk had left the Council employment, the Council failed to recognise the full extent of the situation and the response was initiated and drive by one or two Councillors and the Deputy Clerk. The Council needs to review or introduce contingency planning.	
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of Internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	/		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 this smaller authority.	
 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit. 			responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.	
 We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements. 			disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.	
(For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable, in our capacity as the sole managing stee we discharged our accountability sponsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on: 14/JUNE/7023

and recorded as minute reference:

14/06/07

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Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Statement

The authority website/webpage is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has been published.