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5th May, 2024

Dear Sheena,

**Re: Buckland Parish Council
Internal Audit Year Ended 31st March 2024**

Once again I am pleased to enclose my report for your kind attention and presentation to the Council. The audit was conducted in accordance with current practices and guidelines and testing was risk based.

I am satisfied that the council has carried out an effective assessment of its internal controls that is compliant with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. I further confirm that I, as Internal Auditor, comply with the requirements for an Internal Auditor as defined in the Practitioners Guide to Governance and Accountability for Local Councils (2023).

Further I am satisfied that the council has correctly identified itself as exempt under Section 9 of the Local Audit Regulations and has correctly completed the Certificate of Exemption.

The systems and internal procedures at Buckland Parish Council continue to reflect a high standard of good practice . The council continues to demonstrate that governance, policies and procedures are taken very seriously and that overall the systems and procedures you have in place are fit for purpose. I have reviewed the Internal Control Objectives listed A to O Page 4 of the AGAR and am satisfied the control assertions on each item have been met.

I am able to state that the annual accounts and AGAR are ready to be signed off by council and the external auditor and that the AGAR represents a true and fair record of the financial transaction of the council for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Therefore I have signed off the Internal Audit Report Page 4 in Form 2 of the AGAR.

It is noted that the council are taking a pragmatic view of recent recommendations from government via NALC to establish .gov.uk web domains and email addresses. The route being followed by the council on this subject is sensible.

This completes the Internal Audit for 2023-2024 for Buckland Parish Council and I am pleased to sign off the AGAR Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24 accordingly.

If there are any queries on this report please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Barclay'. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'P' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Barclay