Notes to accompany the Internal Audit Report – to be published alongside Page 3 of the Annual Governance Annual Return

Statement B – the Household Support Grant was administered without any reference to Council, or an approved Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk. There was no adequate financial reporting to Council during the year.

Statement M – the period of electors rights was not correctly advertised, the period began two days before the accounts were signed off by Council.

I recommend that the Council ticks 'No' to Boxes 2, 3, 4, and 7 for the following reasons:

Box 2 – there was no financial reporting or internal checking of the accounts during the year.

Box 3 – the Council did not have the General Power of Competence and was therefore not entitled to administer a Household Support Fund which gave money to individuals.

Box 4 – the period of electors rights was not correctly advertised, the period began two days before the accounts were signed off by Council.

Box 7 – the lack of power to administer the Household Support Fund was raised at the last Internal Audit but the Council chose to go ahead with this. A number of other issues of note were raised but were not acted upon.

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21st May 2023