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ATHERSTONE PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

Accounts year ended 31 March 2012

Audit Commission Act 1998  
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2012

Date of Notice 31/03/2012

Notice

The Audit of the Council's accounts for the above year has been conducted on 4/8/12 by  
Clement Keys.

Rights

A local Government Elector for the Parish may inspect or take copies of the Statement of Accounts  
and Auditors Certificate and Report by arrangement with the Clerk at the address and times set  
out below.

Days and times available

Date: MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Time: 9.30am-11.00am

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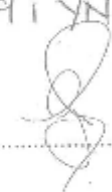
Address documents may be inspected or purchased:

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NORTH STREET  
ATHERSTONE  
CV9 1JN

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Signature of person giving Notice on behalf of the Council.

Clerk and/or RFO



Notice to be displayed for 14 days.

## Section 1 – Accounting statements for

### ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2011 £	31 March 2012 £	
1 Balances brought forward	346,455	380,339	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2 (+) Annual precept	182,510	182,510	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year.
3 (+) Total other receipts	54,183	56,843	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4 (-) Staff costs	47,113	49,072	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees, include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	155,696	143,952	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (-) Balances carried forward	380,339	426,668	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8 Total cash and short term investments	380,757	436,405	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March - to agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	335,411	343,227	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties and any long term investments.
10 Total borrowings	-	-	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PMLB).
11 Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<b>Disclosure Note:</b> The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2012 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date 30/06/2012

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

13/06/2012

and recorded as minute reference:

P24 06/12

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.

Mejan Singh

Date 13/06/2012

## Section 2 – Annual governance statement

We acknowledge as the members of:

**ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL**

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 2012, that:

	Agreed –		‘Yes’ means that the council:
	Yes	No*	
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.
2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.
4 We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electoral rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 council accounting records and control systems.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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 council.
7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
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 council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

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

P24 06/12  
dated 13/06/2012

Signed by:

Chair *Megan Spill*  
dated 13/06/2012

Signed by:

Clerk *[Signature]*  
dated 13/06/2012

\*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the council will address the weaknesses identified.

### Section 3 – External auditor’s certificate and opinion

#### Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2012 of

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

#### Respective responsibilities of the council and the auditor

The council is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The council prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2012; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

#### External auditor’s report

~~(Except for the matters reported below)~~ on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. ~~(delete as appropriate).~~

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the council:

Clement Keys  
88-90 Calthorpe Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham B15 1TS

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

External auditor’s signature

*Clement Keys*

External auditor’s name

Date

4/3/12

Note: The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission’s publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies*.

## Section 4 – Annual internal audit report to

ATHERSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

The council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2012.

Internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the council.

Internal control objective	Agreed? Please choose from one of the following		
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriation books of account have been kept properly throughout the year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
B. The council's financial regulations have been read, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
C. The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
D. The annual precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on current prices, timely received and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with council approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure); agreed to the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
K. Trust funds (including charitable). The council has its responsibilities as a trustee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

For any other risk areas identified by the council (set any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed), adequate controls existed.

Print name of person who carried out the internal audit NIGEL LANE C.P.F.A.

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit *Nigel Lane* Date 9.5.2012

\*Note: If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

\*\*Note: if the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).