

## Internal Audit Report Response 10th May 2023

By Angela Hayne BSc (Hons) Clerk/RFO St Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council

Steve Hudson (Hudson Accounting Ltd) was appointed to conduct the Parish Council's Internal Audit, Mr Hudson conducted a very thorough independent, objective audit that found **'the review undertaken obtained a level of assurance which has allowed us to complete the Internal Audit Report element of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return with no qualifications, thus 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'**.

AUDIT COMMENTARY: Items in bold text within the body of the report represent his findings in respect of the application of controls, text in italics represent suggested actions that fall short of being a formal recommendation or do not necessarily pertain to the application of internal controls.

**B VAT** There was an error in the VAT accounting on the external audit invoice which will require correcting.

Response: VAT error corrected, and Statement of Accounts amended accordingly.

**C** This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.

Suggested Action: *Should cash reserves continue to grow consideration should be given to spreading it across more than one institution to ensure it is all covered in the event of loss.*

Response: It is anticipated that the Community Infrastructure Levy in ear-marked reserves will be assigned in this next financial year to support the parish halls ongoing refurbishment, thus reducing the cash reserves.

*Angela Hayne*

*Clerk/RFO*

*10th May 2022*

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