

Smaller Authority Name: WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

- 1 The audit of accounts for Whetstone Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2023 has been completed and the accounts have been published.**

- 2 The Annual Return is available for inspection by any local government elector in the area of Whetstone Parish Council on application to:**
 - (a) Lee Breckon**

 - (b) Council Offices, Cemetery Road. Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 6LL**

 - (c) Telephone: 0116 2751987 Monday to Thursday – 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.**

- 3 Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £2 for each copy of the Annual Return**

Announcement made by:

Lee Breckon - Clerk

Date of Announcement:

25th September 2023.

RE: Signed External Auditor Report Audit Report and Certificate 2022/2023

Dear Lee,

Thank you for your email and points raised

As per the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Paragraph 14(1) and 15(1), the period for the exercise of electors' rights should be a single period of 30 working days.

Since this is noted within the regulations, and this has not been met, we included this within the 'except for the matters' box on our External Auditor's Report.

The period that we advised for the current year was on our pro-forma template which stated that the period should have commenced on 5 June and end on 14 July. For the commencement date you chose we expected the period to end on 07/08/2023. We suggest you contact your internal auditor before implementing the Notice of Public Rights period for the 2023/24 year to ensure the period chosen meets all the required regulations.

Hopefully this helps clarifies our position

Many Thanks,



Smaller Authorities Team

Subject: RE: Signed External Auditor Report Audit Report and Certificate 2022/2023

Dear Smaller Authorities team,

Regarding Whetstone Parish Councils conclusion of audit, can I ask that the comment in the matters reported box be moved to the other matters not affecting your opinion.

This relates to the 30 days being 31 and although it is a genuine error in starting the working days as the next day, it is harsh to put it into the qualified audit box, even though it is stated minor.

I would respectfully request that the certificate be re-issued and that the comment be moved to the noting box. We work hard all year round to ensure compliance and to have this in the qualified box seems unfair. It is noted for next year.

My colleague has spoken to you this morning by phone, and as Clerk, I have been asked to request this by email.

Best wishes

Lee Breckon
Clerk to the Council
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