

Extract from the minutes of the 3rd June 2025:

89/25 To approve the Annual Governance Statement.

It was **Resolved** to answer 'Yes' to all of the statements within the Annual Governance Statement, with the exception of the statement:

"We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness."

The Council noted that while appropriate systems are in place to prevent and detect fraud and corruption, and these systems were reviewed, a formal internal review of their effectiveness had not been undertaken by Members during the year. Although an independent internal audit was carried out, it was felt that without a councillor-led review, a 'Yes' response could not be confidently given.

Accordingly, the Council answered 'No' to this statement.

Proposed, seconded all present in favour.