## **Waddington Parish Council**

## AGAR Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 - Explanations

In completing the AGAR Annual Governance Statement for 2024-25, Waddington Parish Council have declared 'No' to a number of the statement's assertions. For each of these, the following summary explanation is provided:

AGAR Assertion	Yes   No	Comment
<b>4</b> We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations	NO	<ul> <li>Due to administrative oversight in the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the 2023-24 accounts and associated statutory disclosures:</li> <li>the Notice of EoPR commencement was published on the first day of the inspection period rather than the day prior</li> <li>The EoPR Notice did not include details of where the documentation could be inspected</li> <li>The published copy of the completed AGAR was signed and dated on 10 June whilst EoPR Notice was published on 03 June</li> <li>In all other respects, the Council complied with the Accounts and Audit Regulations re exercise of electors' rights.</li> <li>For 2024-25 AGAR submission and EoPR, a detailed step-by-step programme has been developed by the Clerk and is being followed to ensure that all requirements are completed in a full and timely manner.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b> We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	NO	The Council does consider relevant risks pertaining to individual actions and decisions, not least in respect of financial risk and transactional processing. However, it is not always possible to evidence this in a consistent or formal manner. A risk management framework (including a register template, evaluation model and supporting policy and procedures) is currently being developed such that all material risks may be documented, evaluated, managed and reported on a transparent, effective and proportionate basis.

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