

Internal Audit Report

Parish Council:

Ramsden Grays Parish Council

Year Ended

31/3/18

Date of Interim Audit

24/02/2018

Date of Final Audit

02/06/2018

Independent Auditor conducting audit

Therese Stokes

Proper book-keeping

1. Is the cashbook maintained and up to date? Tested samples of income & expenditure for each month (April 2017-Jan 2018). Agreed to bank, minutes and ledgers.

2. Is the cashbook arithmetic correct? Yes

3. Is the cashbook regularly balanced?

- The cash book is balanced monthly
- Reconciliations are presented at council meeting and signed off at the meeting. Sometimes these are deferred due to time constraints
- Cheque Stubs and Invoices are also initialled by the signatories when the cheques are signed
- No petty cash

Standing Orders & Financial Regulations adopted and applied and payment Controls

- 1. Has the council formally adopted standing orders and financial regulations? Yes minute 11th Dec 2017 & 19/2/2018
- 2. Has the Responsible Financial officer been appointed with specific duties No change to responsibilities from previous year
- 3. Have items or services above the deminimus amount been competitively purchased? No evidence as not required
- 4. Are payments in the cashbook supported by invoices, authorised and minuted?
 - Yes all authorised and minuted. Stubs and invoices initialled by signatories at time of cheque signing.
- 5. Has VAT on payments been identified, recorded and reclaimed All checked, claim made
- 6. Is s137 expenditure separately recorded and within statutory limits? Process checked: recorded separately and within statutory limits

Risk Management Arrangements

- 1. Does a review of the minutes identify any unusual financial activity? All minutes checked no unusual financial activity noted.
- Do the minutes record the council carrying out an annual risk assessment?
 Nov 2017 Minutes record Risk Assessment