# Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019-20 Addendum – Coronavirus Emergency Regulation changes

## The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Owing to the increasing impact of COVID19 MHCLG has made amended Regulations which **extend the statutory audit deadlines for 2019-20** only for all Category 2 smaller authorities (town and parish councils, parish meetings, internal drainage boards and other authorities).

- The requirement for the public inspection period to include the first 10 working days of July has been removed
- Instead, smaller authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before 1 September 2020
- The AGAR must be approved and published by 31 August 2020 at the latest or may be approved earlier, wherever possible.

This means that the period for the exercise of public rights can now be held any time after the approval of the accounts and AGAR as long as it is commenced on 1 September at the latest.

Authorities should publish the dates of their public inspection period. If this is significantly earlier or later than in previous years they should inform the public through their websites (where available) of the reasons why they are departing from normal practice for 2020.

 The publication date for final, audited, accounts will move from 30 September to 30 November 2020 for all local authorities.

This is the date by which the Part 3 AGAR Sections 1, 2 and 3 including the completed External Auditor Report and Certificate must be published.

This does not apply to an authority that has certified itself as exempt and submitted a Certificate of Exemption to the external auditor.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

In relation to the meetings needed to approve the accounts and AGAR, MHCLG has made separate Regulations to enable meetings to be held remotely, and to hold and alter the frequency and occurrence of meetings without the need for further notice.

The provisions for remote meetings apply to all authorities **EXCEPT** Parish Meetings who must hold a public meeting and approve the AGAR before 31 August.

Separate changes to allow remote meetings apply to Internal Drainage Boards.

## **Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 3**

# To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities\*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £6.5 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
  - are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
  - have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

# Guidance notes on completing Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

- 1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** complete Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with *Proper Practices*.
- 2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts, pages 3 to 6:
  - The Annual Internal Audit Report is completed by the authority's internal auditor.
  - Sections 1 and 2 are to be completed and approved by the authority.
  - Section 3 is completed by the external auditor and will be returned to the authority.
- 3. The authority **must** approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, before approving Section 2, Accounting Statements, and both **must** be approved and published **before 1 July 2020.**
- 4. An authority with either gross income or gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 or an authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000, but which is unable to certify itself as exempt, or is requesting a limited assurance review, **must** return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2020.** Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
  - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
  - a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2020
  - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
  - · notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
  - Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20

Unless requested, do not send any additional documents to your external auditor. Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed.

Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability Section1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate will be returned to the authority by email or post.

#### **Publication Requirements**

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities must publish the following information on a publicly accessible website:

Before 1 July 2020 authorities must publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/20, approved and signed, page 4
- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019/20, approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2020 authorities must publish:

- Notice of conclusion of audit
- Section 3 External Auditor Report and Certificate
- Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review.

It is recommended as best practice, to avoid any potential confusion by local electors and interested parties, that you also publish the Annual Internal Audit Report, page 3.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

\*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

## Guidance notes on completing Part 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20

- The authority must comply with Proper Practices in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Proper Practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide\* which is updated from time to time and contains everything needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end and the subsequent work by the external auditor.
- Make sure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated. Where amendments are made by the authority to the AGAR after it has been approved by the authority and before it has been reviewed by the external auditor, the Chairman and RFO should initial the amendments and if necessary republish the amended AGAR and recommence the period for the exercise of public rights. If the AGAR contains unapproved or unexplained amendments, it may be returned and additional costs will be incurred.
- The authority **should** receive and note the annual internal audit report if possible before approving the annual governance statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for completeness before returning it to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2020.
- Do not send the external auditor any information not specifically requested. However, you must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant email addresses and telephone numbers.
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the Annual Governance
  and Accountability Return covers all the bank accounts. If the authority holds any short-term investments, note their
  value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor must be able to agree the bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the
  accounting statements (Section 2, page 5). An explanation must be provided of any difference between Box 7 and
  Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the Practitioners' Guide\*.
- Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on page 5. Do not just send a copy of the detailed
  accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons
  for all variances. Include complete numerical and narrative analysis to support the full variance.
- If the external auditor has to review unsolicited information, or receives an incomplete bank reconciliation, or variances are not fully explained, additional costs may be incurred.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2019) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2020).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, must set the period for the exercise of public rights. From the commencement date for a single period of 30 consecutive working days, the approved accounts and accounting records can be inspected. Whatever period the RFO sets it must include a common inspection period during which the accounts and accounting records of all smaller authorities must be available for public inspection of the first ten working days of July.
- The authority must publish the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor before 1 July 2020.

	ist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	V	
	Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights, been provided for the external auditor?		_
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	/	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', has an explanation been published?	V	
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?	V	
	Has an explanation of significant variations from last year to this year been published?	V	-
	Has the bank reconciliation as at <b>31 March 2020</b> been reconciled to Box 8?	V	<del></del>
	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?	/	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? <b>NB:</b> do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.	/	

\*Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices, can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

## GREAT WALTHAM PARISH GONCIL

This authority's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation during the financial year ended 31 March 2020.

The internal audit for 2019/20 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective		d? Plea	ase choose lowing
	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.			
<b>B.</b> This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	/		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	1		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.			
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	1		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			NA
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	1		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.			
Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	1		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	1		
K. IF the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2018/19, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2018/19 AGAR tick "not covered")			1
L. The authority has demonstrated that during summer 2019 it correctly provided for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			
M. (For local councils only)	Yes	No	Not applicable
Trust funds (including charitable) - The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			1

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

9/08/20

16/08/20 17/08/20

MAURICE & HOWARD FOPFA

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

Date

17/08/2020

<sup>\*</sup>If the response is 'no' you must include a note to state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

#### Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

We acknowledge as the members of:

## GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, that:

	Ag	reed	d	
	Yes	No*	'Yes' means that this authority:	
<ol> <li>We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.</li> </ol>	/		prepar with th	ed its accounting statements in accordance a Accounts and Audit Regulations.
<ol> <li>We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.</li> </ol>	1	Professional and the company of the	made   for safe its cha	proper arrangements and accepted responsibility aguarding the public money and resources in rgs.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	./		has on compli	ly done what it has the legal power to do and has ed with Proper Practices in doing so.
We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	/		during inspect	the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. 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.	<b>\</b>		conside faces a	ared and documented the financial and other risks it and dealt with them properly.
<ol><li>We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.</li></ol>	/		Gentrols	ed for a competent person, independent of the financial s and procedures, to give an objective view on whether controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
<ol><li>We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.</li></ol>	<b>/</b>		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	/		disclosed everything it should have about its business active during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.	
<ol> <li>(For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.</li> </ol>	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a losal trust or trusts.

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

19th MAY 22

and recorded as minute reference:

20/394

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Clerk

Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement) Authority web address

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#### Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2019/20 for

#### GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

	Year	ending	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.
Balances brought forward	48161	45512	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	44880	46000	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	9990	22155	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (=) Staff costs	20563	26370	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuitles and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's berrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	36956	35711	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	45512	51586	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	45512	51586	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March = To agree with bank reconciliation.
<ol> <li>Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets</li> </ol>	394253	399763	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) re Trust funds (including cha	Disclosure note aritable)	Yes No	The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
			N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities - a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being

presented to the authority for approval

19/05/2020 Date

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

20/395

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

#### Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2019/20

## In respect of GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

#### 1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2020; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work **does not** constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do

on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.
2 External auditor report 2019/20
(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).
(continue on a separate sheet if required)
Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:
(continue on a separate sheet if required)
3 External auditor certificate 2019/20
We certify/do not certify* that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2020.
*We do not certify completion because:
External Auditor Name
External Auditor Signature Date
*Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

# Explanation of variances - pro forma

Name of smaller authority:

County area (local councils an Essex months)

Essex months an Essex mall Blue highlighted boxes

Insert figures from Section 2 of the AGAR in all Blue highlighted boxes

Where prevent:

Variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);

\* a breakdown of approved reserves on the next tab if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept/rates & levies value (Box 2).

	2019 £	2020 \	Variance Variance £ %		Explanation Required?	Automatic responses trigger below based on figures input, DO NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES  Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures)
1 Balances Brought Forward	48,161	45,512				Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward does not agree, query this
2 Precept or Rates and Levies	44,880	46,000	1,120	2.50%	O <sub>N</sub>	
3 Total Other Receipts	9,990	22,156	12,165	121.77%	YES	Oil Recipt of £15,301 received for development on houses within Parish.
4 Staff Costs	20,643	26,370	5,827	28.36%	YES	Clerks Pay rate increase two spinal points SP22 £10.953 to SP24 £11.91 . Passed Citca and annual appraisal. Hours increased from 18 per week to 21 per week
5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment	0	0	0	0.00%	9	
6 All Other Payments	38,956	35,711	-1,245	3.37%	ON ON	
7 Balances Carried Forward	45,532	51,586			O <sub>N</sub>	VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments	45,512	51,586				VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED
9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Long Term Investments and	394,253	399,763	5,510	1.40%	ON ON	
10 Total Borrowings			0	%00.0	ON N	

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

#### **Contact details**

Name of smaller authority:	REAT WALTH	AM PARISH	Concil
County Area (local councils and p	arish meetings only):	SSEX	

## Please complete this form and send it back to us with the AGAR or exemption certificate

	Clerk/RFO (Main contact)	Chair
Name	WADSHEAD-GRANT	M. Steel
Address	PARISH OFFICE  GREAT WALTHAM VILLAGE  HALL  SOUTH STREET  GREAT WALTHAM  ESSEX	'SYCAMORES' SOUTH STREET GREAT WALTHAM CITEMS FORD CM3 1DF
Daytime telephone number	07880717329	01245 360918
Mobile telephone number	07880717329	
Email address	CLERKE GREATWALTHAM PATUSH COUNCIL CO. 44.	MIKE. 2. STEEL EBTINTERNER. COM

# CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Name of smaller authority: GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL.
County Area (local councils and parish meetings only):
On behalf of the smaller authority, I confirm that the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights are as follows:
Commencing on 15 June 2020
and ending on 24 July 20 W.
(Please enter the dates set by the smaller authority as appropriate which <u>must</u> be 30 working days (i.e. Monday – Friday only, and not Bank Holidays) inclusive and <u>must</u> commence on or before 1 September 2020).
We have suggested the following dates: Monday 15 June – Friday 24 July 2020. The latest possible dates that comply with the statutory requirements are Tuesday 1 September – Monday 12 October 2020.)
Signed:
Role: RFO.

## This form is only for use by smaller authorities subject to a review:

Please submit this form to PKF Littlejohn LLP with the AGAR Part 3 and other requested documentation – this form is not for publication on your website.

Smaller authority name:

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH GUNCIL

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

#### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)
Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI 2020)

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations	5 2020 (SI 2020/404)
NOTICE	NOTES
1. Date of announcement 01 St June 2020 (a)	(a) Insert date of placing of the notice
2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.  Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2020, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:	
(b) CLERK C/O THE PARISHOFFICE  GREAT WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL,  SOUTH STREET  CLERKE GREAT WALTHAM PARISH	(b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts
and ending on (d)Friday 24 July 2020	(c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below
3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:	(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days
The opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and	inclusive and must start on or before 1 September 2020.
<ul> <li>The right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.</li> </ul>	
The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.	
4. The smaller authority's AGAR is subject to review by the appointed auditor under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the NAO's Code of Audit Practice 2015. The appointed auditor is:	
PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD	
(sba@pkf-littlejohn.com)  5. This announcement is made by (e) WADSHEAD - GRACE	(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority

#### Bank reconciliation - pro forma

This reconciliation should include <u>all</u> bank and building society accounts, including short term investment accounts. It <u>must</u> column headed "Year ending 31 March 20xx" in Section 2 of the AGAR – and will also agree to Box 7 where the accounts are receipts and payments basis. Please complete the highlighted boxes, remembering that unpresented cheques should be en figures.

Name of smaller authority:	Great Waltham Parish Council		
County area (local councils and parish	meetings only): Essex		
Financial year ending 31 March 2020			
Prepared by (Name and Role):	W.Adshead-Grant RFO		
Date:	15/05/2020		
Balance per bank statements as at 3	1/3/20: account 1 account 2	£ 145.0 51,441.0	£
[add more accounts if necessary]			54 500 0
Petty cash float (if applicable)			51,586.0
	1/3/20 (enter these as negative numbers)		•
[add more lines if necessary]	ac negative numbers)		
Add: any un-banked cash as at 31/3/xx			-
Net balances as at 31/3/xx (Box 8)		-	51,586.0