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Dear Amanda

Dewlish Parish Council Internal Audit

Please find attached the internal audit report for April 2024 – March 2025. All the information I requested to look at this period was provided in a supporting paper file and via the website. I was able to confirm all the details I needed to from those documents.

There are 8 recommendations in total with a few carried forward or similar from last years audit. Most of the recommendations are administrative and easy to resolve. They do not detract from the overall financial position of the Council. Due to the lack of minutes regarding the public notice period I am unable to offer more than reasonable assurance.

My overall Audit opinion is as follows:

Audit Opinion

I am able to offer **reasonable** assurance as most of the areas reviewed were found to be adequately controlled. Generally, risks are well managed but some systems require the introduction or improvement of internal controls to ensure the achievement of objectives

(The Audit grades are Substantial, Reasonable, Partial and None.)

The Audit Checklist Report, Recommendations and this letter should be copied to all Parish Council members so that they can fully understand the recommendations being made and the interim audit published on the website. As always, I am happy for any of the Parish Council to contact me personally if they wish to discuss any of the recommendations made, the tests carried out, or the overall opinion given.

Regards

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Appointed Internal Auditor for Dewlish Parish Council