

# PERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Notice of conclusion of the audit

### Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

1. The audit of accounts for the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 has been concluded.
2. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of the Council on application to:  
  

*Mrs B Hodgetts (Parish Clerk)*  
*Perton Civic Centre*  
*Church Road*  
*Coleridge Drive*  
*Perton*  
*South Staffordshire*  
*WV6 7PD*
3. Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of £0.10p for each page of the Annual Return

Announcement made by: Mrs B Hodgetts (Parish Clerk)

Date of announcement: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

- Ensure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return remains available for public access for a period of not less than five years beginning with the date on which the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was first published.

*The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 do not specify the period the Completion Notice needs to be on the council's website but this period must be reasonable.*

**Minor scope for improvement in 2020/21**

The internal control objective (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', was ticked 'yes' by the internal auditor when 'no' or 'not covered' should have been ticked to align with the 2018/19 external audit report and 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement. In future, the Council should ensure the annual return is accurate and complete.

**Audit fee**

Our fee note for the audit, which is in accordance with the audit fee scales set by SAAA, and available at <http://www.localaudits.co.uk/fees.html> will follow.

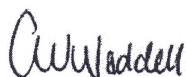
We would be grateful if you could arrange for this to be paid at the earliest opportunity. **Mazars**

**Green Policy**

Protection of the environment in which we live and operate is part of Mazars' values and principles and we consider it to be sound business practice. One of our impact areas is to reduce our consumption of paper per staff member by 5% year on year.

In order to help us to achieve this, we will only be returning a hard copy of your AGAR to the council on request. Please email us no later than **11 December 2020** if you require a hard copy of your AGAR otherwise we will securely dispose of it.

Yours sincerely



**Cameron Waddell**  
Partner