

**NOTICE OF DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PERIOD FOR THE
 EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

**The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.234)
 The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014**

NOTICE	NOTES
<p>1. Date of announcement <u>3rd June 2016</u> (a)</p> <p>2. Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2016 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 below. • Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • question the auditor about the accounts: and • object to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Smaller Authority. <p>The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 5 below for this purpose.</p> <p>3. Person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts (b)</p> <p>Name: <u>BEAARD CHAMBERS</u></p> <p>Position: <u>CHIEF & RFO</u></p> <p>Address: <u>5 WOODSIDE EAST, NORTHORPE, BURTON LINES, PE15 0HT</u></p> <p>Tel no: <u>01778 393431</u></p> <p>Email: <u>wathpcc@gmail.com</u></p> <p>4. Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 <u>working</u> days:</p> <p>commencing on (c) <u>Monday 6th June</u> 2016</p> <p>and ending on (d) <u>Friday 15th July</u> 2016</p> <p>5. Your appointed auditor is:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Mark Heap Grant Thornton UK LLP Royal Liver Building Liverpool L3 1PS Tel: 0151 224 7200</p> <p>For more detailed guidance on electors' rights and the special powers of auditors, copies of the publication Council Accounts – A Guide to Your Rights are available from the National Audit Office website.</p>	<p>(a) Insert date of placing of this notice</p> <p>Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 must be published with this Notice</p> <p>(b) Insert name, position, address and contact details such as telephone and email of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts, and the details of the manner in which notice should be given of an intention to inspect the accounting records and other documents</p> <p>(c) Insert date at least 1 working day after the Date of announcement in paragraph 1 above and between 3 June 2016 and 1 July 2016.</p> <p>(d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 consecutive working days and must include the first 10 working days of July. Exclude weekends.</p>

INSERT NAME OF SMALLER AUTHORITY

WITHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF STATUS OF PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No.234)

1. The statement of accounts for WITHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL *
published today is unaudited and may be subject to change.

* Insert name of Smaller Authority

2. Signed by:

Signature: _____



Date: 3rd June 2016

RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Section 1 – Annual governance statement 2015/16

We acknowledge as the members of:

Enter name of
smaller authority here:

WITHAM ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including 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 2016, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this smaller authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
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 smaller authority to conduct its business or on its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.
4. 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 the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this smaller authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		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 smaller authority and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9. (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.	Yes	No	NA
			X
			has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by this smaller authority and recorded as minute reference:

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dated 02/06/2016

Signed by:

Chair

SIGNED REQUIRED

dated

2/6/16 DD/MM/YY

Signed by:

Clerk

SIGNED REQUIRED

dated

02/06/16

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how this smaller authority will address the weaknesses identified.