Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

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 2018, that:

	Agreed		
	Yes	No*	'Yes' means that this authority:
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 authority to conduct its business or manage 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 authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the ¿nancial and other risks it *faces and 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 ¿nancial *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 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.*

	Yes	No	N/A	
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.			✓	*has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.*

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

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by this authority and recorded as minute reference:

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dated 14/06/2018

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

Chairman

Clerk

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

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

ENTER NAME OF AUTHORITY

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	Please round all ¿gures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All ¿gures must agree to underlying ¿nancial records.
1. Balances brought forward	28997	32934	*Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year* as recorded in the ¿nancial records. Value must agree to *Box 7 of previous year.*
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	21922	22722	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) *received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.*
3. (+) Total other receipts	6028	7388	*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	13011	12396	*Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.*
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	*Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).*
6. (-) All other payments	11002	13468	*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	32934	37180	*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	32934	37180	*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.***
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	111131	113906	*The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made* up of all its ¿xed 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).*

	Yes	No	
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			*The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.*
		✓	N.B. The ¿gures in the accounting statements above do *not include any Trust transactions.*

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date 14/6/2018

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

14/06/2018

and recorded as minute reference:

8 (b)

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where approval of the Accounting Statements is given

Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of **EX0054 Colne Engaine 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 2018; 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.

2 External auditor report 2017/18

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR 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.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

None

3 External auditor certificate 2017/18

We 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 2018

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature  Date 16/09/2018

* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website (www.nao.org.uk)

Colne Engaine Parish Council

Notice of conclusion of audit

Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2018

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit regulations 2015 (Sl 2015/234)

1. The audit of accounts for **Colne Engaine Parish Council** for the year ended 31 March 2018 has been completed and the accounts have been published.

2. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of Colne Engaine Parish Council on application to:

(a) Terry Rootsey Clerk & Responsible Financial Offer to the Parish Council
3 Box Mill Cottages
Box Mill Lane
Halstead CO9 2DR

(b) Between the hours of 14.00 to 16.00 Monday to Thursday (please telephone 07946 096331 for an appointment.)
Copies of the return can be seen on the website www.colne-engaine.org.uk and the village noticeboard.

3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £2. For each copy of the Annual Return.

Announcement made by Terry Rootsey Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council

Date of announcement 20th September 2018