



ISSUES ARISING REPORT FOR
Amble Town Council
Audit for the year ended 31 March 2017

Introduction

The following matters have been raised to draw items to the attention of Amble Town Council. These matters came to the attention of BDO LLP during the review of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2017. This report must be presented to a full meeting of the smaller authority for review.

The review of the annual return may not disclose all shortcomings of the systems as some matters may not have come to the attention of the auditor. For this reason, the matters raised may not be the only ones that exist.

The matters listed below are explained in further detail on the page(s) that follow;

- Annual Governance Statement
 - Electors rights period during the year
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The following issues have resulted in the annual return being qualified. They indicate either a breach of proper practices or legislation and they require the smaller authority to take immediate action to rectify these issues.

Electors rights period during the year

What is the issue?

The inspection period for the exercise of electors' rights which occurred during the year did not include the first 10 working days of July as specified in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, which for last year was from the 1st to the 14th July 2016.

Why has this issue been raised?

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 para 15(b) state that the inspection period for the exercise of electors rights must include the first 10 working days of July. The smaller authority has not complied with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

What do we recommend you do?

The smaller authority must ensure that the inspection period for the exercise of electors' rights includes the first 10 working days of July when undertaking the electors rights period

Further guidance on this matter can be obtained from the following source(s):

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The following issues have been raised as we have detected issues with the governance arrangements of the smaller authority. It is recommended that the smaller authority consider these matters and decide what action to take to improve the governance arrangements as soon as possible.

Annual Governance Statement

What is the issue?

The Annual Governance Statement was returned to be amended, unfortunately the wrong answer was amended to a NO.

Why has this issue been raised?

The annual Governance statement as first submitted had not been correctly prepared and an amendment was required.

The smaller authority did have an effective system of internal audit during the year.

What do we recommend you do?

In future the smaller authority must ensure that they prepare the annual governance statement correctly and confirm the answers at a meeting of the smaller authority.

Further guidance on this matter can be obtained from the following source(s):

Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England - A Practitioners' Guide, NALC/SLCC

No other matters came to our attention.

For and on behalf of
BDO LLP

Date: 28 September 2017
