

Explanation for 'no' on Section 1 of Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

Assertion 4 – No was ticked as the following comment was received from the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn:

We note that the smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2025/26 for the exercise of public rights, since the notice regarding the period for the exercise of public rights was not published before the start of the period. As a result, the smaller authority must answer 'No' to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 and ensure that it makes proper provision for the exercise of public rights during 2026/27.

This has been addressed and the correct dates have been entered on the notice for the exercise of public rights this year.