

Form 2PM Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26

GOATHURST PARISH COUNCIL

During the financial year ended 31 March 2026 the Parish Meeting's internal auditor, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls to be in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2025/26 has been carried out in accordance with this Parish Meeting's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this Parish Meeting.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
B. This Parish Meeting complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
C. This Parish Meeting assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
D. The precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
F. Cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
I. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
K. If the Parish Meeting certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2024/25, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the Parish Meeting had a limited assurance review of its 2024/25 AGAR tick "not covered")			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M. In the year covered by this AGAR, The Parish Meeting correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2025-26 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2024-25 AGAR evidenced by confirmation of the Chair that the notice has been published on a suitable website or publicly displayed in the local area.)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
N. The Parish Meeting has complied with the publication requirements for 2024/25 AGAR. (See AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
O. The authority has complied with laws, regulations & proper practices relating to digital and data compliance.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

For any other risk areas identified by this Parish Meeting adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

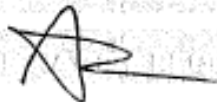
Date(s) internal audit undertaken

11/05/2026

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

Alistair Robinson

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit



Date

11/05/2026

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).