Section 2 - Annual governance statement

We acknowledge as the members of:

Earnley 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 2012, that:

1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices. 2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness. 3 We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances. 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. 5 We assessed the risks facing the council and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required. 6 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council's accounting records and control systems. 9 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit. 9 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit. 9 We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate included them in the accounting statements in the way prescribed by law. 9 On the main and external audit. 10 On the main accounting statements in the way prescribed by law. 11 Proved and propedures and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge. 12 On the made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge. 13 We took all reasonable steps to practice that there are no matters of actual or protectives in the way prescribed by law. 14 On the very proper ar		Agreed -		'Yes'	
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*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the council will address the weaknesses identified.