Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

We acknowledge as the members of:

FIRSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, w respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019, 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 responsibilit 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 ha 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 opportu inspect and ask questions about this authority's accour*
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 financial and other ris 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 fi controls and procedures, to give an objective view on w internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authorit*
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		*responded to matters brought to its attention by interna 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 during the year including events taking place after the y 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 as a b corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a lo or trusts.*

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation should be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

7th June 2019

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting wher approval was given:

Chairman [redacted]

Clerk [redacted]