

UPTON BY CHESTER AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES FOR 2023/2024 AGAR

Annual Governance Statement

Responses/s to Negative answers

Section 1

The Council, which took office in May 2023, became aware in the period up to October 2023 of serious deficiencies in the financial management and control systems and processes of the authority. Since that time, the Council has made significant improvement in its financial management and control system and procedures. Further comprehensive improvements to systems, processes and procedures are continuing to be made in the current financial year.

Section 2

As already noted, the Council became aware of the inadequacy of many of its internal control systems during 2023. These inadequacies have been addressed and the internal control systems and processes are continuing to be improved and monitored during 2024/25 as part of the ongoing comprehensive improvements.

Section 3

The Council, having become aware of the deficiencies in its compliance processes, has undertaken a thorough review of these and has implemented a wide-ranging improvement to the compliance processes and procedure. Such that, the Council now has confidence that its processes and procedures should now meet statutory requirements.