Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25

Name of smaller authority: Spilsby Town Council

County Area: Lincolnshire

Explanation(s) of 'No' and 'Not covered' responses on the Annual Internal Audit Report

• Internal control objective F: Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.

Internal auditor response: Not covered

Reason: No petty cash account held or used during 2024/2025.

Internal control objective M: In the year covered by the AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period of the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (*during the 2024-25 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2023-24 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set*).

Internal auditor response: No

Reason: During the 2024-25 period the authority did not correctly provide a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations as the date of announcement and the date of commencement were the same.

*Extracts from 'Notice of Public Rights and Publication of un-audited Annual Governance & Accountability Return:

- (a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than 1 day before the date in (c) below
- (c) Insert date, which must be at least 1 day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below
- (d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July.
- Internal control objective N: in the authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2023/24 AGAR

Internal auditor response: No

Reason: As * above

Steve Fletcher 24th April 2025