

## Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

We acknowledge as the members of:

THURCROFT PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for 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 2023, that:

	Agreed		Yes means that this authority:
	Yes	No	
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 responsibility 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 has 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 opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
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 risks it 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 financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and 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 activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
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.	Yes	No	N/A
		✓	

**\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.**

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

27/07/23.

and recorded as minute reference:

9442

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

Chairman

Clerk

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## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23 for

THURCROFT PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2022 £	31 March 2023 £	
1. Balances brought forward	971,141	1,031,819	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	175,820	175,930	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	42,458	42,586	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	56,043	60,308	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	101,557	222,413	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	1,031,819	967,614	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	1,021,507	938,694	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	614,823	614,823	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2023 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval



Date

27/07/23

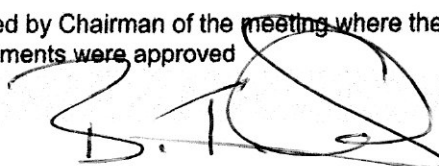
I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

27/07/2023.

as recorded in minute reference:

9443

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved



**Thurcroft Parish Council**  
**ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts**

**Explanation of variances**

This is prepared based on information in "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils : a Practitioner's Guide"

Important note: These figures have been prepared on an INCOME and EXPENDITURE basis.

Box No.	Description	Last Year £	31/03/2023 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	971141.00	1031819.00				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	175820.00	175930.00	110.00	0%	No	
3	Total other receipts	42458.00	42586.97	128.97	0%	No	
4	Staff Costs	56043.00	60308.04	4265.04	8%	No	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	101557.00	222413.17	120856.17	119%	Yes	Large investment in street furniture and new playground equipment.
7	Balances carried forward	1031819.00	967614.76	-64204.24	6%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	1021507.60	938694.36	-82813.24	8%	No	
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	614823.00	614823.00	0.00	0%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)

## Thurcroft Parish Council

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)*

<b>Bank Reconciliation at 31/03/2023</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2022		1,021,507.60
	<b>ADD</b>		
	Receipts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023		235,159.94
			1,256,667.54
	<b>SUBTRACT</b>		
	Payments 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023		317,973.18
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 31/03/2023</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>938,694.36</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/03/2023	0.00	
	61200043 00 - Community Directpl 31/03/2023	6,586.79	
	61200030 50 - Business Select Ins 31/03/2023	870,080.90	
	61200030 00 - Community Directpl 31/03/2023	62,026.67	
			<b>938,694.36</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		938,694.36
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>938,694.36</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		