

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of the gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2020, and wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulation 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, provided that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2020 and completed Certificate of Exemption id submitted notifying the external auditor

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Certifies that during the financial year 202/21, the higher of the authority's gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000

Annual gross income to the authority 2019/20: £18,532

Annual gross expenditure for the authority 2019/20 £17,219

There are certain circumstances in which the authority will be unable to certify itself as exempt, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt and it must submit a completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which £200 + VAT will be payable.

By signing the Certificate of Exemption you are confirming that:

The authority has been in existence since before 1st April 2017

In relation to the preceding financial year (2019/20), the external auditor has not:

Issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it

Made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected to it

Issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1 (1) of Schedule 8 of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014

("The Act") and has not withdrawn the notice

Commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31 (1) of the Act

Made an application under section 28 (1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration

The court has not declared an item in the account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28 (3) of the Act.

If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received gross income nor incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and submitted to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Annual Accounting Statement, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of the certificate, published on a public website before 1 July 2021. By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer P A Fuller 14/06/2021

Signed by the Chairman N. Willshere 14/06/2021

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