

## Section 2 – Annual governance statement

We acknowledge as the members of **BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL** our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the statement of accounts. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009, that:

	Agreed – Yes or No*	'Yes' means that the council/meeting:
1 we have approved the statement of accounts which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	Yes	prepared its statement of accounts in the way prescribed by law.
2 we have maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	Yes	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3 we have taken all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice which could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	Yes	has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it has done so.
4 we have provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	Yes	during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.
5 we have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	Yes	considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.
6 we have maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council's accounting records and control systems and carried out a review of its effectiveness.	Yes	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the council and reviewed the impact of this work.
7 we have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	Yes	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8 we have considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the statement of accounts.	Yes	disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.
9 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we have discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by the council/meeting and recorded as minute reference

dated

Signed on behalf of **BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL**

Signed by: Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: Clerk *[Signature]* \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response that has been given, and describe what action is being taken to address the weaknesses identified.

## Section 1 – Statement of accounts for

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLLES PARISH COUNCIL

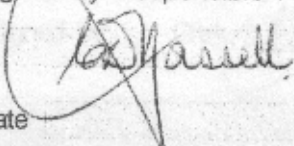
In completing the boxes below please explain any significant variances on a separate sheet and send this to the external auditor together with a copy of your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2009.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2008	31 March 2009	
	£	£	
1 Balances brought forward	50,043	60,132	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 (+) Annual precept	41,000	38,000	Total amount of precept received in the year.
3 (+) Total other receipts	15,500	10,085	Total receipts or income as recorded in the cashbook less the precept. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4 (-) Staff costs	7,611	7,724	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	NIL	NIL	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on borrowings (if any).
6 (-) Total other payments	38,800	31,295	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	60,132	69,197	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6)
8 Total cash and short term investments	60,132	69,197	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 and long term assets	20,849	revising	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties and any long term investments.
10 Total borrowings	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11 Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	NO	NO	The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that the statement of accounts contained in this annual return presents fairly the financial position of the council/meeting and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

Date



I confirm that these accounts were approved by the council/meeting and recorded as minute reference

Date

Signed by Chair of meeting approving this statement of accounts

Date