

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Explanations of the reasons for 'no' responses on Section 1 and on the Annual Internal Audit Report (AIAR):

Section 1 - Part 5 / AIAR objective C

There has been considerable upheaval within the council for the past couple of years. For most of 2023-24 the council was without any permanent clerk/staff and relied on two locum clerks who for the most part worked remotely. Unfortunately, the council did not conduct an assessment of the risks it faced during 2023-24.

However, the council has since appointed a permanent (CiLCA qualified) clerk and a risk assessment has now taken place in May 2024 (admittedly, too late for 2023-24).

Section 1 - Part 7 / AIAR objective B

As mentioned above, due to the upheaval within the council, not all of the matters raised by the internal auditor for 2022-23 were acted upon in 2023-24.

However, the internal auditor has confirmed that there has been a definite improvement from 2022-23 which will continue to be the case during 2024-25 as the council now has a full complement of permanent staff.

AIAR objective H

The council's asset register has since been updated and is now complete and accurate (admittedly, too late for 2023-24).

AIAR objective L

As mentioned above, due to the upheaval within the council, all of the past five years of AGARs have not been published on the council's website. This will be rectified for next year.