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Dear Alison,

Chaldon Herring Parish Council Full Year Internal Audit

Please find attached the full year internal audit report for April 2024 – March 2025.

As you had an interim audit carried out for April – Sept 2024 I have followed on the testing for the remaining 6 months. A large number of the recommendations made in the interim audit have been resolved and a significant difference made to the transparency and governance of the Council.

There are still some recommendations that have not been addressed but this is as they are annual events and could not be resolved until the April – June quarter of this year.

My overall Audit opinion has therefore improved significantly from the interim audit point and is now as follows:

Audit Opinion

I am able to offer **reasonable** assurance as most of the areas reviewed were found to be adequately controlled. Generally, risks are well managed but some systems require the introduction or improvement of internal controls to ensure the achievement of objectives

(The Audit grades are Substantial, Reasonable, Partial and None.)

The Audit Checklist Report, Recommendations and this letter should be copied to all Parish Council members so that they can fully understand the recommendations being made and the interim audit published on the website. As always, I am happy for any of the Parish Council to contact me personally if they wish to discuss any of the recommendations made, the tests carried out, or the overall opinion given.

Regards



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Appointed Internal Auditor for Chaldon Herring Parish Council