**Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021**
**Explanation regarding Item 4**

*Item 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.”*

The council noted that it failed to provide the proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The period listed was only 25 working days, rather than the required 30 working days.

The council reviewed this weakness at the June 2021 council meeting on 09 June 2021, under agenda item 15 – To receive and comment on the internal audit for the year ending 31 March 2021, and agree actions.

It was resolved that, in order to ensure the correct opportunity for the exercise of electors’ rights was provided, the following actions would take place and would be minuted at the appropriate council meeting:

1. The Clerk would propose the dates for the exercise of electors’ rights to cover a period of 30 working days and to include the first ten days in July.

2. The Council would check and confirm the correct dates and time period have been selected.

3. The Council would resolve to approve the commencement and ending dates.

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