



**RE: WY0046 Kippax Parish Council – 2019/20 AGAR
Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20**

Kippax Parish Council has identified weaknesses in the system of internal controls and has therefore answered 'NO' to the following statements:

- (2) We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.
- (3) We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances
- (4) We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirement of the Accounts and Audit regulations
- (5) We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required
- (6) We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control system

The authority has already taken steps to address the weaknesses identified which include:

- A full council training session with the Yorkshire Local Council Association which took place 20th February 2020
- Appointment of the Yorkshire Local Council Association to undertake a full Governance Review which was approved on 18th June and is currently underway which includes a report on all aspects of the council, recommendations for approval and an action plan with continued support from YLCA.