

SECTION 3 – EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE AND OPINION

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return of Burton in Kendal
Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2005

Respective responsibilities of the Council and the auditor

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and for the preparation of an annual return which:

- summarises the Council's accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2005; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

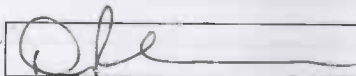
External Auditor's report

(Except for the matters reported below)* on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (*delete as appropriate).

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of the council/meeting;

As with any other employer, Local Councils are, other than in exceptional circumstances, responsible for the deduction of income tax and national insurance contributions from their employees and payment of these deductions to the Inland Revenue. Please note the Council is liable for any tax that should have been deducted from pay, whether actually deducted or not. Members should therefore satisfy themselves that appropriate arrangements are in place in respect of the taxation of their employees.

External Auditor's signature



External Auditor's name

DINA PETANOVIC

Date

20/6/05

Note

The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission's publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Local Councils and their Auditors*.

Local Councils in England
Annual return
for the year ended 31 March 2005

BURTON - IN - KENYAL PARISH

COUNCIL/MEETING

Section 1 – The statement of accounts

In completing the boxes below please explain any significant variances, including any difference between Box 7 and Box 8, on a separate sheet and send this to the external auditor together with a copy of your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2005. See page 6 and the *Practitioners' Guide* for guidance.

	Year ending		Notes and Guidance for Compilers
	31 March 2004 £	31 March 2005 £	
			Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to the council's underlying financial records for the relevant year.
1 Balances brought forward	<i>5,107</i>	<i>6,567</i>	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the council's financial records.
2 (+) Annual precept	<i>8,299</i>	<i>8,299</i>	Total amount of precept income received in the year.
3 (+) Total other receipts	<i>1,381</i>	<i>6,236</i>	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook minus the precept.
4 (-) Staff costs	<i>3,050</i>	<i>2,634</i>	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all council employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses.
5 (-) Loan interest/ capital repayments	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) Total other payments	<i>5,170</i>	<i>11,194</i>	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (=) Balances carried forward	<i>6,567</i>	<i>7,274</i>	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. (Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6))
8 Total cash & investments	<i>6,567</i>	<i>7,274</i>	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets and long term assets	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	The recorded current 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.
10 Total borrowings	<i>NONE</i>	<i>NONE</i>	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

I certify that the statement of accounts contained in this annual return presents fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer:

[Signature]

Date *1.5.05*

I confirm that these accounts were approved by the council and recorded as council minute reference: *ii*

Date *19.5.05*

Signed by Chair of meeting approving council's accounts:

[Signature]

Date *19.5.05*