

Section 1 – Accounting statements 2013/14 for

Hesketh with Becconsall ----- Council/Meeting

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

	Year ending		Notes and guidance		
	31 March 2013 £	31 March 2014 £			
1 Balances brought forward	72,078	71,529	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.		
2 (+) Annual precept	53,388	48,464	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year.		
3 (+) Total other receipts	31,158	76,777	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.		
4 (-) Staff costs	19,837	20,341	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.		
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).		
6 (-) All other payments	65,258	129,306	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).		
7 (=) Balances carried forward	71,529	47,123	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)		
8 Total cash and short term investments	71,529	47,123	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.		
9 Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	<u>RE-STATE</u> 299,399	376,193	The original Asset and Investment Register value of all fixed assets, plus other long term assets owned by the council as at 31 March		
10 Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).		
11 Disclosure note Trust funds (including charitable)	yes <input type="radio"/>	no <input checked="" type="radio"/>	yes <input type="radio"/>	no <input checked="" type="radio"/>	The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2014 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

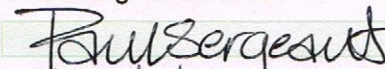


Date 14th April 14.

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

14th April 14
and recorded as minute reference:
5/2014.

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.


Date 14/4/14

Section 2 – Annual governance statement 2013/14

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2014, that:

	Agreed –		'Yes' means that the council.	
	Yes	No*		
1 We approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations and proper practices.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	prepared its accounting statements in the way prescribed by law.	
2 We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.	
3 We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of the council to conduct its business or on its finances.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with proper practices in doing so.	
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.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	during the year has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the council's accounts.	
5 We carried out an assessment of the risks facing the council and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	considered the financial and other risks it faces and has dealt with them properly.	
6 We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the council accounting records and control systems.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of the council.	
7 We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.	
8 We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on the council and, where appropriate have included them in the accounting statements.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year-end if relevant.	
9 Trust funds (including charitable) – in our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

This annual governance statement is approved by the council and recorded as minute reference

6/2004.

dated 14th April 14

Signed by:

Chair *Paul Sergeant*

dated 14/4/14

Signed by:

Clerk *[Signature]*

dated 14 April 14.

*Note: Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the council will address the weaknesses identified.