

## **Internal Audit Report For Newton St Cyres Parish Council for the year ending 31 March 2026**

In accordance with the letter of engagement dated 7 July 2025, I have reviewed and tested the Newton St Cyres Parish Council's internal financial processes, systems and controls. I confirm that I was given access to extremely comprehensive Council records which allowed for full completion of the Internal Audit.

In my opinion, Newton St Cyres Parish Council has strong financial processes and systems of internal control which are reviewed regularly and fully evidenced with a high degree of transparency. Accordingly, I completed and signed the AGAR Internal Audit page of the External Auditors Report on 26 April 2026.

I noted the Council had actioned all the recommendations from the internal audit for the year ended 31 March 2025 undertaken by Alison Marshall of Local Council Administration Services. The sole recommendation from this year's internal audit is that the Council should consider extending its thorough risk analysis procedures to include data security risks and outline formally the steps taken to safeguard personal data.

I commend the Parish Clerk who provided exemplary records and supporting documentation to facility the internal audit.

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