

Agenda Item 11 – Feb Meeting

Audit AGAR Assertion 10

The AGAR (or Annual Governance and Accounts Return) must be completed by Town and Parish Councils. For the year ended Mar 31st, 2026, there will be an additional “assertion” within the governance section. In other words, the council needs to confirm that it has complied with all the regulations regarding data protection, privacy and publication transparency for council affairs.

This is technically not a new assertion, but it brings together and expands on the requirements.

In order to comply with this requirement, the council should approve and re-adopt the following policies and procedures which are attached.

- ICO Model Publication Scheme
- A completed guide to information handling – customised to our council
- Policy for information protection and data protection

Proposal: That the above policies and procedures be agreed and re-adopted and the website be amended where necessary.

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