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Misson Parish Council
External Auditor Report for the year ended 31 March 2017**

Matters reported

Internal Auditor's Report

The Internal Auditor has answered 'No' to Control Objectives B and G. Objective B states that 'the smaller authority met its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for'. Objective G states 'Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this smaller authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly accounted for'.

The Internal Auditor has provided a report explaining that they responded 'No' to objective B as the Authority did not reclaim all potential VAT. They have stated that they responded 'No' to objective G because confirmation of the terms of appointment of the current Clerk is not recorded within the minutes. The Internal Auditor has further reported that gifts were purchased during the year outside of the Authority's legal powers.

The Authority has not complied with proper practices and has authorised expenditure outside of its legal power to do so. In our view, the correct response to Assertion 3 no Section 1 of the Annual Return should be 'No'.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of the authority

None

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