

Seaton Valley Council

A Community Council

Report to: Full Council 04 October 2017

Report by: Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Subject: Annual Return 2016/17 – Completion of Audit

Purpose of Report

To notify Council that its External Auditors, BDO, have approved the Council's 2016/17 Annual Return.

Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- a) Approve and accept the Council's audited Annual Return for the financial year ended 31 March 2017, and**
- b) Note that there were no reportable issues raised in BDO's report.**

Background

1. The Council was presented with its unaudited 2016/17 Annual Return on 26 April 2017. The return was submitted to the Council's external auditors on 15 May 2017 together with supporting information.

Completion of Audit

2. BDO has notified the Council that it has successfully completed its audit, and has signed off the Council's 2016/17 Annual Return (attached at Appendix 11A).

3. The formal 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' was displayed on both the Council's website and Notice Board for 14 days commencing Monday 21 August 2017 to let residents and interested persons know that the Council's accounts were available for inspection.

Issues Arising

4. BDO did not identify any issue during its audit that need to be drawn to the Council's attention.