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Dear Clare,

**South Petherton Parish Council Internal Audit 2025-26**

Please find attached the Interim internal audit report for April 2025 – March 26. All the information requested was provided electronically or via the website and I was able to confirm all the details I needed to from those documents. I would like to thank you for your full co-operation through the audit period. The recommendations are not of a serious nature appertaining mainly to administrative changes or further information that is required to be in the public domain. I also acknowledge that the majority of recommendations from last year have been completed and the rest are in progress.

We are able to offer substantial assurance at this audit despite the fact there are a number of small recommendations. This is due to the fact that the recommendations are administrative and did not have an overall impact on the processes of the Council in other words there were no failings just things that could be done in a clearer way.

**Audit Opinion**

We are able to offer *substantial* assurance as the areas reviewed were found to be adequately controlled. Internal controls are in place and operating effectively and risks against the achievement of objectives are well managed.

(The Audit grades are Substantial, Reasonable, Partial and None.)

The Audit Checklist Report, Recommendations and this letter should be copied to all Parish Council members so that they can fully understand the recommendations being made and the interim audit published on the website at the earliest opportunity. As always, I am happy for any of the Parish Council to contact me personally if they wish to discuss any of the recommendations made, the tests carried out, or the overall opinion given.

Regards

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Appointed Internal Auditor for South Petherton Parish Council (2025-26)