Ansford Parish Council

Explanation of 'No' response

Annual governance Statement 2025-26

Box 5

A Risk Assessment was adopted during the 2025/26 year on 7th May 2025

The minutes read that a ''more detailed document'' would be drawn up for ''future approval by the council''.

A more comprehensive risk assessment was then drafted by the RFO and was circulated to the council members for feedback ahead of adoption. It is this new Risk Assessment document didn't make it as an agenda item during the year for adoption.

The council is operating from the latest NALC Financial Regulations document and had adopted a basic Risk Assessment within the year, so the 'No' response from the Internal Auditor is debateable. But, in keeping with the Internal Audit report, the council has ticked the 'no' box. The new Risk Assessment was formally adopted at the councils meeting on 13th May 2026

Box 10

The new Internal Auditor has reported that the Parish Council is not registered with the ICO. The Parish Council is now registered with the ICO – so this has been resolved.

The Internal Auditor reported that the Website is missing an accessibility Statement. This was a surprise as the council uses one of the sectors leading suppliers of local government websites and they fully understand the requirements for local councils. Upon investigation, it was found that the statement had at some point been delated from the website, this has now been restored – so this has been resolved.