## Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

We acknowledge as the members of:

## BREDGAR PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, that:

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Yes          | No    | Yes me                                                                                                                                                                                  | eans that this authority                                                                                                     |
| <ol> <li>We have put in place arrangements for effective financial<br/>management during the year, and for the preparation of<br/>the accounting statements.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                      | /            |       |                                                                                                                                                                                         | d its accounting statements in accordance<br>Accounts and Audit Regulations.                                                 |
| <ol><li>We maintained an adequate system of internal control<br/>including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud<br/>and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.</li></ol>                                                                                                                        | /            |       |                                                                                                                                                                                         | roper arrangements and accepted responsibility<br>guarding the public money and resources in<br>ge.                          |
| We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.                 | ✓            |       | has only done what it has the legal power to do and has compiled with Proper Practices in doing so.                                                                                     |                                                                                                                              |
| <ol> <li>We provided proper opportunity during the year for<br/>the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the<br/>requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                   | $\checkmark$ |       | during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to<br>inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.                                                            |                                                                                                                              |
| <ol><li>We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this<br/>authority and took appropriate steps to manage those<br/>risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or<br/>external insurance cover where required.</li></ol>                                                              | 1            |       | considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them property.                                                                                          |                                                                                                                              |
| <ol><li>We maintained throughout the year an adequate and<br/>effective system of internal audit of the accounting<br/>records and control systems.</li></ol>                                                                                                                                                | /            |       | arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controts and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority. |                                                                                                                              |
| <ol> <li>We took appropriate action on all matters raised<br/>in reports from internal and external audit.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                        | /            |       | responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                              |
| <ol> <li>We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or<br/>commitments, events or transactions, occurring either<br/>during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on<br/>this authority and, where appropriate, have included them<br/>in the accounting statements.</li> </ol>              | 1            |       | disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.                                           |                                                                                                                              |
| <ol> <li>(For local councils only) Trust funds including<br/>charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing<br/>trustee we discharged our accountability<br/>responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including<br/>financial reporting and, if required, independent<br/>examination or audit.</li> </ol> | Yes          | No    | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                     | has met all of its responsibilities where as a body<br>corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust<br>or trusts |

<sup>\*</sup>For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

| This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a | Signed by the Chairman a |
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| meeting of the authority on:                       | approval was given:      |
| 4 5 2027                                           |                          |

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

Clerk

Other information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Governance Statement)

The authority website/webpage is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has been published.

Yes No

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