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| A Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year. | The council uses Excel which is widely used by Councils of a similar size | YES |
| B The council's financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for. | The Council reviewed its Financial Regulations at a meeting held on 27th October 2014 A review of payments did not identify any matters to report | YES |
| C The council assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these. | The Council reviewed its Risk Assessment in November 2014 | YES |
| D The annual precept requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate. | The Council approved its budget at a meeting held on 28th October, however these Minutes do not refer to the setting of the Precept or the Precept value. The Council wrote to the District Council on 19th November advising them of a Precept requirement of £9,800, however it appears that the actual Precept raised was £9,688 It is recommended that, in future, the Council formally records the setting of its Precept in the Minutes of the meeting. It is recommended that the Council notes that the Precept raised for 2014-15 was £9,688 and not £9,800 as recorded in the Precept request letter | YES |

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| E Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for. | The Council receives limited income other than the precept. The Council does not make VATable supplies and is not VAT registered | YES |
| F Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for. | The Council does not maintain a petty cash | YES |
| G Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with council approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied. | The Council uses HMRC tools to calculate payroll and submit returns to HMRC It was noted that there was no NI or PAYE due or paid during the year | YES |
| H Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained. | The Council maintains an asset register. One asset purchased in the year (a defibrillator) has been added to the register during the year | YES |

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| I Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out. | There were no uncleared items on either of the Lloyds Bank accounts or the NS&I account as at 31st March 2015 | YES |
| J Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cash book, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded. | The Council reports on a receipts and payments basis which permitted for Councils of this size Bank payments were reviewed. In all instances it was possible to obtain sight of the original supporting voucher | YES |
| K Trust funds (including charitable) The council has met its responsibilities as a trustee. | The Council does not act as Trustee | N/A |

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