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## **North Walsham Town Council**

### **Internal Auditor's Report for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

I have carried out the annual inspection of the accounts of North Walsham Town Council in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission.

I am pleased to report that, after examining the financial records of the Council as presented to me by the Finance Officer, I found no issues that gave me any cause for concern. I was able therefore to certify the Audit Commission return without qualification.

I did note that the Council continues to hold a Business Reserve bank account to which daily balances are transferred from the Council's current account on a daily basis when the balance in that account goes above a certain amount. I understand that the reason for this procedure was to maximize interest income. Now that bank interest rates are so low, however, the income received from carrying out these transfers is minimal and outweighed by the additional book-keeping required to record them. I would respectfully suggest that a better way to achieve improved returns would be for the Council to calculate what free funds it has available to invest in a 1 or 2 year bond. This would involve tying up those funds for either 12 or 24 months but would, in my view, generate much better returns than the present Business Reserve account.



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Accountant and Independent Examiner.