



ISSUES ARISING REPORT FOR
Swanage Town Council
Audit for the year ended 31 March 2012

Introduction

The following matters have been raised to draw items to the attention of Swanage Town Council. These matters came to the attention of BDO LLP during the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2012.

The audit of the annual return may not disclose all shortcomings of the systems as some matters may not have come to the attention of the auditor. For this reason, the matters raised may not be the only ones that exist.

The matters listed below are explained in further detail on the page(s) that follow;

- Internal Auditor's recommendations
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The following issue(s) have been raised to assist the council. The council is recommended to take action on the following issue(s) to ensure that the council acts within its statutory and regulatory framework.

Internal Auditor's recommendations

What is the issue?

The internal auditor has noted a number of weaknesses in the financial systems of the council.

Why has this issue been raised?

The council is exposed to the risks associated with these weaknesses.

What do we recommend you do?

The council must implement the recommendations made by the internal auditor to improve the financial systems of the council as soon as possible or in any event before the end of the current financial year.

If the council addresses all the issues raised by the internal auditor the council should improve internal controls which will help to prevent and detect error and fraud and assist the council to operate in an effective and efficient manner.

Further guidance on this matter can be obtained from the following source(s):

Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in England - A Practitioners Guide, NALC/SLCC

No other matters came to our attention.

For and on behalf of
BDO LLP

Date: 25 July 2012
