

St. Albans Parish Council

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Explanation of Governance Statement Assertions

In accordance with the instructions of our external auditor, we are required to publish an explanation for any assertion of the Annual Governance Statement where we have not indicated full compliance.

Box 4 of the Governance Statement reads:

We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

We were required by our external auditor to answer 'no' to this assertion for the following reason:

"The smaller authority did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision during the year 2024/25 for the exercise of public rights, since the period for the exercise of public rights did not include the first 10 working days of July."

St Albans Parish Council was without a clerk for the period between May and November 2024 and the Notice of Public Rights was delayed until the 7th October 2024. Although a full period was allowed for inspection, we recognise that the mandatory dates were not included in this period and have made sure that these dates are included in the 2025 public rights period.

Signed

Callum Bryant

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