

Section 1 – Accounting statements for

SEDLSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Readers should note that throughout this annual return references to a 'local council' or 'council' also relate to a parish meeting.

1	Balances brought forward	45,780	48,732	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2	(+) Annual precept	31,500	31,500	Total amount of precept received or receivable in the year.
3	(+) Total other receipts	144,488	43,511	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept received (line 2). Include any grants received here.
4	(-) Staff costs	-14,800	-14,693	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5	(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	-4,643	-4,643	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the council's borrowings (if any).
6	(-) All other payments	-23,593	-17,539	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7	(=) Balances carried forward	48,732	47,708	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6)
8	Total cash and short term investments	4,851	4,803	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – to agree with bank reconciliation.
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	275,000	292,326	The recorded book value at 31 March of all fixed assets owned by the council and any other long term assets e.g. loans to third parties and any long term investments.
10	Total borrowings	47,113	44,261	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11	Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	✓	✓	Disclosure Note: The council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust funds or assets. (Readers should note that the figures above do not include any trust transactions.)

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2012 the accounting statements in this annual return present fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer



Date 27/04/2012

I confirm that these accounting statements were approved by the council on this date:

08/05/2012

and recorded as minute reference:

C12/13.21.5

Signed by Chair of the meeting approving these accounting statements.



Date 8/5/2012.

Section 3 – External auditor's certificate and opinion

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2012 of

SEDLBESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Respective responsibilities of the council and the auditor

The council is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The council prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2012; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

External auditor's report

On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the council:

We note that reserves include a gratuity fund. We understand that, following the repeal of the 1996 Superannuation Regulations, councils can only make gratuity payments in the future where they were included as a contractual obligation in a contract of employment entered into before January 2012. Advice should be sought from NALC/SLCC before making any payments.

External auditor's signature:

Mazars LLP

External auditor's name:

Mazars LLP, Southampton, SO15 2BE

Date:

27 JULY 2012

Note: The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission's publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies*.