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Please see attached the proforma annual return for 2022-23. We have provided copies in both 'Word (docx) and Acrobat (pdf) formats. Please do not amend the page breaks.

We are continuing to clear the 2021-22 audits as quickly as we can. Once we have issued the audit opinions, we pass a schedule of completed audits to our finance team, who will then issue invoices.

We are not yet in a position to issue the audit notices for the 2022-23 audits. Given the issues we have had with resourcing in the last year or two and an ongoing backlog of older audits that we are still clearing, we have decided not to issue the notices until we have confirmed the date from which our audit team will be in place. The community and town council audit programme is being slotted into our wider work programme. We will write to you again as soon as the timing is confirmed.

In the meantime, we recommend that you prepare and approve the annual returns as soon as you are able to. We will provide the dates for the exercise of electors' rights under the 2004 Act with the audit notice.

The format of the annual return is much like previous years. Some additional narrative has been included in the Accounting Statement related to staff costs and the Trust Funds disclosures have been consolidated into one item in the annual governance statement.

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