



Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

Explanations for “No” Responses

Assertion 2: Yeovil Town Council could not make proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.

This was because during 2024/25, Yeovil Town Council became responsible for a number of services previously the responsibility of Somerset Council. Devolution had a significant impact on the internal controls of the Council during 2024/25.

During the transition period:

- the Finance Team have amended the structure on the finance system to align with the Committee structure of the Council;
- develop a process for the collection of cash and card income via third parties and crediting the amounts in the Council's bank account, whilst reconciling these amounts with the information provided by the service and the bank statement; and
- reviewing processes and procedures with services and aligning them with those of Town House.

Assertion 4: did not, during the year give all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts

The Council did not meet the statutory approval deadline in 2023/24 due to the delay in receiving information from Somerset Council in relation to the Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery figures which had to be consolidated into the return. In order to meet the statutory dates for the period for the exercise of public rights, the Council must have published the AGAR for 30 working days inclusive and must have included the first 10 days of July. However, due to the delay in receipt of information regarding Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery, the public rights and publication of the AGAR did not take place until 17th July 2024.
