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Internal Audit Report.

This audit report is to read in conjunction with the Annual Internal Audit Report in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

| Council: | Bracebridge Heath |
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| Internal Auditor: | Rachel Popplewell |
| Year Ending: | 31 March 2025 |
| Date of Report | 30.04.2025 |

Internal audit is the periodic independent review of a council's internal controls resulting in an assurance report designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the activities and operating procedures under the council's control. Managing the council's internal controls should be a day-today function of the council through its staff and management and not left for internal audit. It would be incorrect to view internal audit as the detailed inspection of all records and transactions of a council to detect error or fraud. This report is based on the evidence made available to me and consequently the report is limited to those matters set out below.

The council is required to take appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit and to respond to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit. Failure to take appropriate action may lead to a qualified audit opinion.

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To the Chairman of Bracebridge Heath Parish Council.

I have previously examined council business including policies, agendas & minutes, accounting and financial statements and other documents relevant to this audit.

Any areas that have been identified where action is required has been highlighted below with an Asterisk*.

There may also be other actions that have been offered as suggestions for improvement or considered to be best practice.

<u>Summary</u>

No causes for concern or actions were highlighted during the interim audit in November or today at the year end.

The correct process is in place for the completion of the AGAR, the correct dates have been set for the Exercise of Public Rights.

AGAR form 3 has been signed

Yours sincerely

R Popplewell

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Internal Auditor

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30.04.2025.