

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

Statements for External Auditor under Section 1., for any Assertion where Council have answered NO.

4.	We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	The Council have answered 'NO' to this. The Internal Auditor had identified that the Clerk had prepared and posted the incorrect Notice, using 19-Confirmation-of-the-dates-of-the-period-for-the-exercise-of-public-rights-2024-25 rather than 16-Making-provision-for-the-exercise-of-public-rights-2024-25 . The correct period of inspection was displayed, including the first 10 working days of July. The Clerk was now more aware of what form should be used in this instance.
10.	We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.	The Council have answered 'NO' to this. The Council had recently acquired the potterhanworth-pc@gov.uk email address domain and was informing all correspondents to use this one going forward. A suitable IT Policy was also being prepared.

Supporting statements as agreed at meeting held 22 June 2026, Minute Ref: 23.e. page 6-2026.

Signed:

Cllr John Giles, Vice-Chair to Potterhanworth Parish Council.