

**GREAT EASTON & TILTY PARISH COUNCIL, ESSEX**

**Section 1(A) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23**

**Regarding Section 1, Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**

Explanation of the “No” response to Assertion 4:

The external auditor in its 2021/22 report dated 24 September 2022 drew to our attention that the date of approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22, which was 27 June 2022, was after the start of the period for the exercise of public rights of access. The period for the exercise of public rights started on 27 June 2022. This did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

The council was therefore instructed to answer “No” to Assertion 4 of the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 and it has done so.

Proper provision has been made for the exercise of public rights during 2023/24.