

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2022/23 Form 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2023, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, provided that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2023 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than 30 June 2023 notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2022/23, the higher of the authority's total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000.

Total annual gross income for the authority 2022/23: £13741.79

Total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2022/23: £8280

By signing this Certificate of Exemption you are confirming that:

The authority was in existence on 1st April 2019 • In relation to the preceding financial year (2021/22), the external auditor has not: • issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it • made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it • issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice • commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act • made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration • The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act. If the above statements apply and the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both). The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate, published on the authority website/webpage* before 1 July 2023. Signing this certificate confirms the authority will comply with the publication requirements.

Original Copy of this document was signed by Richard Huxley (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) and by Anthony Deakin (Chair) and approved by Eaton & Eccleston Parish Council at the Annual Meeting held on 17 May 2023. Minute Reference 7 (b).