Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2020/21 Part 2PM

To be completed by all Parish Meetings that neither received gross income nor incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2021, 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 Parish Meeting has certified itself as exempt at a Parish Meeting held between **1 April and 30 June 2021** and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than **30 June 2021** notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2020/21, the higher of the Parish Meeting'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 Parish Meeting 2020/21: £700-00

Total annual gross expenditure for the Parish Meeting 2020/21: £257-50

There are certain circumstances in which an Parish Meeting will be **unable to certify itself as exempt,** so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If a Parish Meeting **is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt** and it **must** submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3PM to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of **£200 +VAT** will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- This parish has no Parish Council
- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2017
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2019/20), the external auditor **has not:**
  - issued a public interest report in respect of the Parish Meeting or any entity connected with it
  - made a statutory recommendation to the Parish Meeting
  - issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and not withdrawn the notice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under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration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 you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the Parish Meeting 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, and Annual Accounting Statements still need to be fully completed and, along with a copy of this certificate and notice of the period for the exercise of public rights, published on a suitable website or be publicly displayed in the local area before 1 July 2021. **By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.**

Signed by Chairman

X [signature]

Date 25/06/2021

I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this Parish Meeting on this date: 13/05/21

as recorded in minute reference: 13/5/21/6c

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Place where this Certificate of Exemption is published or displayed (e.g. Parish Notice Board, Newsletter, Village website, etc.)

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish

ONLY a copy of this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor but no later than 30 June 2021. Reminder letters incur a charge of £40 +VAT.