

**Certificate of Exemption - AGAR 2020/21 Part 2**

to be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure does not exceed £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 and Accountability (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 2021 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than 30 June 2021

**HARMSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

certifies that during the financial year 2020/21, 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**

ENTER AMOUNT £00,000  
£15,911

ENTER £10,332 £00,000

total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2020/21:

total annual gross income for the authority 2020/21:

There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be unable to certify itself as exempt, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority 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 under Part 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of £200 + VAT will be payable.

The authority was in existence on 1st April 2017

- 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notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice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under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration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. You are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received gross income, or 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 variations 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 2021.

I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this authority on this date: **18/05/2021**

as recorded in minute reference: **8e. 18/5/21**

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**ONLY 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**