

# Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council

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## Annual Governance Statement 2024-25:

### Explanation of “No” to Assertion 4

1. A parish council must publish an explanation if it answers “No” to any of the nine assertions in the Annual Governance Statement.
2. The Smaller Authorities’ Proper Practices Panel’s publication Practitioners’ Guide 2025 sets out what a parish council must do in our order to be able to answer “Yes” to each assertion. You can view the Practitioners’ Guide 2025, [here](#).
3. This Council has answered “No” to Assertion 4 which reads: “We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors’ rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.”
4. The law says a parish council must provide a period of 30 working days in which any member of the public can inspect the council’s accounts and supporting records. And it says this period must include the first 10 working days of July.
5. This Council did not approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for 2024-25 until its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and did not provide any period for the exercise of electors’ rights in relation to the year 2024-25.
6. The reasons included the Clerk’s late start on preparing for the 2024-25 audit and the difficulty of finding a date for a quorate Council meeting during the summer holiday period.

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