

## **Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2026**

Report on Sections to which Apuldram Parish Meeting have responded No:

5. We have carried out an assessment of the risks facing the authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance covered where required.

Apuldram Parish Meeting has Financial Regulations and insurance in place, the Parish Meeting follows the internal controls as set out in the Financial Regulations. A risk assessment has taken place; however, this has not been presented to the parish meeting for approval (copy attached).

7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.

“The internal audit report for 2024/25 stated: The Parish Meeting has no formal risk assessment in place and the requirements for one is less clear than for a Parish Council. However, based on the wording of the internal control objectives contained within the Annual Audit Report, I recommended that council adopt a basic risk assessment and then reviews and updates it annually.”

This finding was noted and minuted by the Parish Meeting at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 13.25(2), with a note for the clerk to take action.

The Clerk has prepared a risk assessment for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, unfortunately due to an oversight this has not been presented to the Parish Meeting for approval.