Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 2

To be completed only by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other smaller authorities* where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less, that meet the qualifying criteria, and that wish to CERTIFY themselves as EXEMPT from a limited assurance review

Guidance notes on completing Form 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22

- 1. Every smaller authority in England where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less must, following the end of each financial year, complete Form 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with Proper Practices, unless the authority:
 - a) does not meet the qualifying criteria for exemption; or
 - b) does not wish to certify itself as exempt
- 2. Smaller authorities where the higher of all gross annual income or gross annual expenditure does not exceed £25,000 and that meet the qualifying criteria as set out in the Certificate of Exemption are able to declare themselves exempt from sending the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor for a limited assurance review provided the authority completes:
 - a) The Certificate of Exemption, page 3 and returns a copy of it to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both) no later than 30 June 2022. Failure to do so will result in reminder letter(s) for which the Authority will be charged £40 +VAT for each letter; and
 - b) The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Form 2) which is made up of:
 - Annual Internal Audit Report (page 4) must be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - Section 1 Annual Governance Statement (page 5) must be completed and approved by the authority.
 - Section 2 Accounting Statements (page 6) must be completed and approved by the authority. NOTE: Authorities certifying themselves as exempt SHOULD NOT send the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor.
- 3. The authority must approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement before approving Section 2 Accounting Statements and both must be approved and published on the authority website/webpage before 1 July 2022.

Publication Requirements

Smaller authorities must publish various documents on a publicly available website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. These include:

- Certificate of Exemption, page 3
- Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22, page 4
- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22, page 5
- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2021/22, page 6
- · Analysis of variances
- Bank reconciliation
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Limited Assurance Review

Any smaller authority may request a limited assurance review. If so, the authority should not certify itself as exempt or complete the Certificate of Exemption. Instead it should complete Form 3 of the AGAR 2021/22 and return it to the external auditor together with the supporting documentation requested by the external auditor. The cost to the authority for the review will be £200 +VAT.

Provided that the authority certifies itself as exempt, and completes and publishes the documents listed under 'Publication Requirements', there is no requirement for the authority to have a review.

If it decides to certify itself as exempt, the authority must complete and return the Certificate of Exemption on Page 3 to the external auditor to confirm that it has certified itself exempt.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Guidance notes on completing Form 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/22, Sections 1 and 2

- An authority that wishes to declare itself exempt from the requirement for a limited assurance review must do
 so at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2022. It should not submit its Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. However, as part of a more proportionate regime, the authority
 must comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.
- The Certificate of Exemption must be returned to the external auditor no later than 30 June 2022. Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT for each letter.
- The authority must comply with Proper Practices in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR and the
 Certificate of Exemption. Proper Practices are found in the Practitioners' Guide* which is updated from time to
 time and contains everything needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end.
- The authority should receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) must be approved on the same day or before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) must certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority must in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- The RFO is required to commence the public rights period as soon as practical after the date of the AGAR approval.
- Make sure that the AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty), and is properly signed and dated.
 Avoid making amendments to the completed annual return. Any amendments must be approved by the authority and properly initialled.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness at the meeting at which it is signed off.
- You must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chairman, and provide relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.
- The authority must publish numerical and narrative explanations for significant variances in the accounting statements on page 6. Guidance is provided in the Practitioners' Guide* which may assist.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2021) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2022).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, must set the commencement date for the
 exercise of public rights of 30 consecutive working days which must include the first ten working days of July.
- The authority must publish, on the authority website/webpage, the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor before 1 July 2022.

All sections	list – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements	Yes	No
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	Have the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights been published?	V	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and	V	
	orplanations provided?	/	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', is an explanation available for publication?	10 10	
Section 2	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by	1/9	
	the signature of the Chairman of the approval meeting?		
	Has an explanation of significant variations been published where required?	V	
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	Is an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 available, should		
	a question be raised by a local elector and/or an interested party?	nla	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds - have all disclosures been made if the gutharity	, Clor	
	is a sole managing trustee? (Local Councils only)	Ma	

^{*}Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices,
can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2021/22 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 2022, 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 2022 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than **30 June 2022** notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2021/22, 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 2021/22:

16292.78

Total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2021/22:

5377.68

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 Form 3 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:

- · The authority was in existence on 1st April 2018
- · In relation to the preceding financial year (2020/21), 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 you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that 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 2022.

By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.

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Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer	Date 17 5 22	I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this authority on this date:	17/5/22
Signed by Chairman	Date	as recorded in minute reference:	
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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 2022. Reminder letters incur a charge of £40 +VAT

*Published web address

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2022, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2021/22 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

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Yes	No	Not applicable

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

30-04-2022

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POTTER

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

SIR Potter

Date

03-05-2022

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 2 SSEPC does not run Page 4 of 6 Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils (Internal Drainage Boards and Other Smaller Authorities Opetty UOSh & Seminary Councils (Internal Drainage Boards and Other Boards and Ot

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, that:

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STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PA	Yes	No	'Yes	means that this authority:
 We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements. 	1		prep	ared its accounting statements in accordance the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	1		made for se its ch	p proper arrangements and accepted responsibility afeguarding the public money and resources in arrae
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	/		has o	nly done what it has the legal power to do and has lied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	/		during	I the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to tf and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	V		consid	lered and documented the financial and other risks it and dealt with them properly.
We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	/		O CHILLO	ed for a competent person, independent of the financial is and procedures, to give an objective view on whether
. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.			respon	I controls meet the needs of this smaller authority. ded to matters brought to its attention by internal and
We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	/		external audit. disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.	
(For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

^{*}For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

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This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:	Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:
and recorded as minute reference:	Chairman JMA
Audit 21-22	Clerk Recollection

Other information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Governance Statement)

The authority website/webpage is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 for

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	Year	ending	Notes and guidance
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2022 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures mus agree to underlying financial records.
Balances brought forward	8664	12019	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	7700	8085	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	2128	8207	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	2590	2325	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
(-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any)
6. (-) All other payments	3883	30S2	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	12019	22934	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	12019	22934	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
 Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets 	28016	28290	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust fun (including charitable)	Yes	No N/A	The Council as a body corporate acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
(moduling chantable)			N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2022 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority. Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being

presented to the authority for approval

Date

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

Bank reconciliation – pro forma

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"Year ending 31 March 20xx" in Section 2 (complete the highlighted boxes, remember	Instruction should include <u>all</u> bank and building society accounts, including short term investment accounts. It <u>must</u> agree to Box 8 in the column "Year ending 31 March 20xx" in Section 2 of the AGAR – and will also agree to Box 7 where the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, complete the highlighted boxes, remembering that unpresented cheques should be entered as negative figures.	tment accounts. It <u>must</u> agree to Box 8 in the columr cunts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis ative figures.
Name of amaller authority;	LI0358 Sutton St Edmund Parish Council	
County area (local councils and parish meetings only);	meetings only);	
Financial year ending 31 March 2022		
Prepared by (Name and Role):	Dominique Leedharr Clerk/RFO	Leginos———Quantum————————————————————————————————————
Date;	18/04/2022	
Balance per bank statements as at 31/3/22:	1/3/22:	est est
	Current Account Business Reserve	£ 17,803.28 £ 5,131.44
Petty cash float (if applicable)		£ 22,934.72
Less: any unpresented cheques as at 31,	Less; any unpresented chaques as at 31/3/22 (enter these as neverthese	r Gi
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Add: any un-banked cash as at 31/3/22		
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Net balances as at 34/2/00 /D o.		E
(BOX &)		£ 22.934.70

Explanation for 'high' reserves

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of rese

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Earmarked	Earmarked reserves:	ч	ભ	
	New play equipment Future elections costs Defibrilator maint. Play equipment maint. General maint. Oustanding staff costs	£ 8,000.00 £ 175.00 £ 200.00 £ 2,200.00 £ 1,440.40 £ 918.60		
			£ 12,934.00	
General reserve	erve	£ 10,000.00		
Total reserv	Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)		£ 10,000.00 £ 22,934.00	

Explanation of variances - pro forma

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**Next from 252/2121 ownerds: ventures of £100,000 or more require explanation regardless of the 3% variation year or year;

** a breakflown of approved reserves on the next lab if the total reserves (Box ?) figure is mite than twice the arrial physicylities & levies value (Box 2);

020-21 additional costs of redirection of post £321 and additional ground maintence £456 Explanation from smaller authority (must include narrative and supporting figures) 5979,78 grant for new play equipment, Explanation of % variance from PY opening balance not required - Balance brought forward agrees EXPLANATION RECURED ON RESERVES TAB AS TO WHY CARRY FORWARD RESERVES ARE GHEATER THAN TWCE INCOME FROM LOCAL TAXATIONLEWIES 2021/22 Variance Variance Required? Input, DG NOT OVERWRITE THESE BOXES YES 2 9 NO YES YES 2 0 385 5,00% 6,079 285,67% 0.00% -285 10.23% -831 21,40% %00'0 0.98% 0 0 274 2,328 12,019 8,085 3,052 22,934 22.934 28,290 8,664 2,128 2,590 7,700 3,883 12,019 12,019 0 28,018 9 Total Fixed Assets plus Other Lang Term Invastments and Assets 8 Total Cash and Short Term Investments 5 Loan Interest/Capital Repayment 2 Preceit or Rates and Levies 1 Balandes Brought Forward 7 Balantes Carried Forward 3 Total Other Receipts 6 All Other Payments 10 Total Borrowings 4 Staff Costs

Rounding errors of up to £2 are tolerable

Variances of £200 or less are tolerable

BOX 10 VARIANCE EXPLANATION NOT REQUIRED IF CHANGE CAN BE EXPLANED BY BOX 5 (CAPITAL PLUS INTEREST PAYMENT)

Smaller authority name: Sutton St Edmund Parish Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

-	NOTICE NOTICE	NOTES
THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	1. Date of announcement 1st June 2022 (a) 2. Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice it will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested for the year ended 31 March 2022, these documents will be available or reasonable notice by application to:	
	(b) Miss D Leedham Sutton St Edmund Parish Council Marshalls Farm, 90 Luttongate, Gedney Hill, PE12 0QH Clerk.sse@gmail.com commencing on (c)Monday 13 June 2022	(b) Insert name, position and address/telephone number/ email address, as appropriate, of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts (c) Insert date, which must be at least 1
3	 and ending on (d)Friday 22 July 2022	day after the date of announcement in (a) above and at least 30 working days before the date appointed in (d) below (d) The inspection period between (c) and (d) must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July.
Ac	The smaller authority's AGAR is only subject to review by the appointed aditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed ditor is: PKF Littlejohn LLP (Ref: SBA Team) 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD (sba@pkf-l.com)	
5.	This announcement is made by (e) Miss D Leedham Clerk/RFO	(e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice – this person must be the responsible financial officer for the smaller authority