

**This page is part of Section 3 - External auditor certificate and opinion 2015/16**

**Over Stowey Parish Council  
Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2016**

**Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of Over Stowey Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2016**

**High level of reserves**

We note that the Council holds a high level of general reserves, approximately 3.2 times the annual precept for 2015/16.

We understand that the Council has earmarked funds of £11,300 to be spent on specific projects, however the Council does not have specific spending plans regarding the remaining reserves.

We would remind the Council that there are restrictions on the expenditure of capital income and any planned spending must be within the Council's powers. The Council should consider the level of general reserves required and consider taking steps to reduce the level of reserves in future years if it considers it necessary.

**Order of signing the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) and the Accounting Statements (Section 2)**

The Over Stowey Parish Council has considered, approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) and the Accounting Statements (Section 2) on the same day and under the same minute reference. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that the Annual Governance Statement must be considered, approved and signed before the Accounting Statements at Section 2 by resolution of members of the authority meeting as a whole. In future, the Over Stowey Parish Council should ensure that the minute references clearly demonstrate that the Annual Governance Statement was considered, approved and signed before the Accounting Statements.