

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE & OPINION.

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We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return of RIPPINGALE PARISH COUNCIL for the year ended 31st March, 2003.

Respective responsibilities of the Council and the auditor.

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts & Audit Regulations 1996 and for the preparation of an Annual Return which:

- Summarises the Council's accounting records for the year ended 31st March 2002 and
- Confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Auditor's report.

On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Signed (Moore Stephens)

3rd February, 2004

Name MOORE STEPHENS

Note

The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that he/she has carried out and completed all the work that is required of him/her by law.

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