## Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

## Explanation to the external auditor as to why Scothern PC tick 'No' to the following statement:

- 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.
  - HMRC Payment didn't follow our own Financial Regulations.

The council are already taking steps to follow all policy details and are making changes for internal control.

As the new clerk/RFO, employed since October 2023 and following recommendations from the internal auditor, the council have implemented new procedures & policies and will continue to do so.

Lisa Brooks-Sleight (clerk/RFO) Scothern Parish Council