

Local council name: **MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of public rights

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and
The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. Date of announcement: 10TH JUNE 2026 (a) 2. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. For the year ended 31 March 2026 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to: (b) ALISON HOOKER, PARISH CLERK & RFO MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OFFICE, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, KENT TN12 9JX clerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk / 01622 832305 commencing on (c) 11TH JUNE 2026 and ending on (d) 22ND JULY 2026 3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have: - the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and - the right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Authority (f). The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose during the inspection period at 2 above. 4. The auditor's limited assurance review is being conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Audit Office' Code of Audit Practice. Your review is being carried out by: Forvis Mazars LLP, Newcastle Office via 30 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AU Email: local.councils@mazars.co.uk 5. This announcement is made by (e) ALISON HOOKER, PARISH CLERK & RFO	(a) Insert date of placing of this notice on your website. (b) Insert name, position and contact details of the Clerk or other person to whom any person may apply to inspect the accounts. (c)And (d)The inspection period must be 30 working days in total and commence no later than 1 July 2026. (e) Insert name and position of person placing the notice
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DECLARATION

I CONFIRM, AS RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL, THAT THESE ARE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL TO YEAR END 31ST MARCH 2026.

THE STATUS OF THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS ARE UNAUDITED AND THAT THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS, AS PUBLISHED, MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DOCUMENTS ON MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE ARE A SCANNED COPY.

SIGNED: *Alison Hooker*

ALISON HOOKER

RFO/CLERK

MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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 2026, that:

	Agreed		‘Yes’ means that this authority:
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We have assured 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 only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied 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 the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect 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.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. 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.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (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
			✓
10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.	✓		has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.

***Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each ‘No’ response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.**

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

09/06/2026

and recorded as minute reference:

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Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

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Clerk

Ahsan Haque

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
1. Balances brought forward	93,341	95,366	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	182,504	209,527	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	41,575	26,262	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	121,155	137,162	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.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	18,238	18,238	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	82,661	88,010	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	95,366	87,745	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	91,223	93,715	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.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	211,344	221,045	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	264,019	255,076	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	
11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions?	✓		For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 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.

Ahsan Ullah

Date

08/06/2026

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

09/06/2026

as recorded in minute reference:

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

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