

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

PEOVER SUPERIOR AND SNELSON 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	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
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.	✓		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
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.	✓		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
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.	✓		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		<i>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.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
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.	✓		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
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.	✓		<i>has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.</i>

***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:

19/05/2026

and recorded as minute reference:

26-68

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

Chair



Clerk

S. Worthington

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

PEOVER SUPERIOR AND SNELSON PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
1. Balances brought forward	27125	46663	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	31414	32910	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	15278	9164	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	13480	14878	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	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	13674	33132	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	46663	40727	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	46663	40727	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	27341	40157	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).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	
11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions?	N/A		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.

S. Warthinton
Date 19/05/2026

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

19/05/2026

as recorded in minute reference:

26-68

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

M. Welch

PEOVER SUPERIOR AND SNELSON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2025/26

	Totals
RECEIPTS	
Precept	£32,910.00
VAT refund	£4,871.63
Grants/Other	£4,292.76
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>£42,074.39</u>
PAYMENTS	
Staff Costs	
Clerk's Fees inc. PAYE/NIC	£14,857.20
Clerk's Expenses	£20.99
Sub-total Staff Costs	£14,878.19
Administration	
Accommodation Fee	£300.00
Insurance Premiums	£528.14
Professional fees	£1,182.00
Printing	£330.88
Admin/Misc	£458.83
ChALC & CCA Subscriptions	£284.81
SLCC Subscription	£190.00
Training	£25.00
Hall hire (PC meetings)	£560.00
Website/IT Costs	£256.78
Sub-total Administration	£4,116.44
Grants	
Christmas Tree Donation	£50.00
St Lawrence's Church	£500.00
Royal British Legion	£24.49
Knutsford Town Council - CAB donation	£260.00
Sub-total Grants	£834.49
Maintenance	
Parish field trees & maintenance	£20,211.97
Parish field inspections	£227.88
Grass Cutting	£2,862.00
Signage costs	£4,341.46
Misc	£537.90
Sub-total Maintenance	£28,181.21
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>£48,010.33</u>
Accounts balance at 1 April 2025	£46,663.74
Receipts less Payments	-£5,935.94
Accounts balance at 31 March 2026	<u><u>£40,727.80</u></u>
Ring Fenced Funds	
Play equipment/Village Hall seed money	£7,925.78
Neighbourhood CIL fund	£10,593.75
Total	<u>£18,519.53</u>
Available Parish Funds	<u><u>£22,208.27</u></u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per Bank Statement (31st March 2026)	£40,727.80
Payments/Income due but not paid/received	

Accounts balance at 31 March 2026	<u><u>£40,727.80</u></u>
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Variance Explanation (on Audit Accounting Statement)

Line 3 - Decrease in income due to last year's receipt of £11k for CIL payment
 Line 4 - Increase in staff costs due to introduction of NI Contributions for employee
 Line 6 - Increase in costs due to the purchase of a new slide and two benches

Asset Register

Peover Heath sign	£565.51
Benches - 1 small and 1 large	£1,115.98
New benches (2025)	£2,408.29
Six notice boards	£6,840.00
War memorial	£3,150.00
Village sign	£171.15
Bin (Cricket Club)	£432.78
Play equipment	£8,600.00
New slide (2025)	£10,407.48
Picnic Bench	£469.00
Swings	£5,497.00
Parish Field	£500.00
Fixed Asset Total	£40,157.19