

ANNUAL RETURN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026
Saltney Town Council Current Year

SECTION 2 - THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

In completing the boxes below please explain any significant variances on a separate sheet and send this to the external auditor together with a copy of your bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2026. See page 6 and the Practitioners Guide for guidance

| | | Last Year £ | This Year £ | Variance £ | Variance % | General Notes for Guidance |
|-----------|---|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|---|
| 1 | Balances brought forward | 121,136 | 119,890 | | | Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of the previous year. |
| 2 | (+) Income from local taxation/levy | 85,922 | 91,198 | 5,276 | 6.14 | Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies. |
| 3 | (+) Total other receipts | 5,500 | 28,056 | 22,556 | 410.11 | Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus the amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants. |
| 4 | (-) Staff costs | 42,308 | 50,281 | 7,973 | 18.85 | Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and related expenses e.g. termination costs. |
| 5 | (-) Loan interest/capital repayments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any). |
| 6 | (-) Total other payments | 50,361 | 51,543 | 1,182 | 2.35 | Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5). |
| 7 | (=) Balances carried forward | 119,890 | 137,320 | | | Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6). |
| 8 | (+) Debtors | 0 | 0 | | | Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end. |
| 9 | (+) Total cash and investments | 119,890 | 137,320 | | | All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation. |
| 10 | (-) Creditors | 0 | 0 | | | Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end. |
| 11 | (=) Balances carried forward | 119,890 | 137,320 | | | Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10). |
| 12 | Total fixed assets and long-term assets | 151,014 | 155,502 | 4,488 | 2.97 | The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March. |
| 13 | Total borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | The outstanding capital balances as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB). |

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I confirm that the statement of accounts contained in this annual return presents fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March

Signed _____ Responsible Financial Officer Date _____

I confirm that these accounts were approved by the council and recorded as council minute reference:

Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Chair of meeting approving council's accounts