

# Explanation for answering 'No' to Assertion 4 on the Annual Governance Statement

Name of smaller authority: **Wimborne Minster Town Council**

County Area (local councils and parish meetings only): **East Dorset**

"• where the authority has answered 'No' to any assertions on Section 1, a detailed explanation of the reasons (NB: these must also be published with the AGAR)"

Agreed		
Yes	No*	'Yes' means that this authority.
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.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>

In 2020, the period for the exercise of Elector's rights was extended due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

The Town Council selected dates for the period for the exercise of elector's rights of Monday 3 August 2021 to Friday 11 September 2021 which inadvertently included a bank holiday and therefore only provided for 29 working days instead of the 30 working days required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

We have therefore stated 'No' to Assertion 4 on the Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21 as instructed on page 12, Section 10 of the 2020-21 Detailed Instructions provided.

For 2020-21 we have been careful to select dates which do not include any bank holidays. The dates selected this year are Monday 21 June 2021 to Friday 30 July 2021.