Explanation of AGAR Section 1 Differing Answers to the Internal Auditor

Internal Control L:

The Transparency Code does not state that a Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) has got to be obtained from an external source (GeoPlace), as the Council only list two pieces of land (and having checked other local council Buildings & Land Registers) the Clerk deemed a reference number wasn't applicable – all the other required information has been published.

The Waste Contract details from our Local Council (Kirklees) had been published in the same way as 2023/24 and 2024/25.
The Clerk will contact Kirklees to check what missing information can be added to the contract so this is covered in future but would hope that this can be considered as it will be rectified for 2026/27.

Internal Control O:

There were two IT Policies that were available to adopt, I chose the version with less content due to the number of IT users. According to the statement at the beginning of the more detailed NALC template both policies should be acceptable to the Auditor, wording copy and pasted for reference below which has a link to the policy the Council adopted:

This template policy is acceptable to the external auditor in your area. However, it may be too detailed for some councils and if so, please see a simpler template (also acceptable to the auditor) at this link.

If you require copies of the two NALC policies and our adopted IT & Email Policy they are available upon request.

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