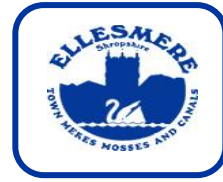


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Explanation for 'No' assertions on Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 Form 3.

Our Internal Auditor JDH Business Services Limited reported that;

'The council did not comply with Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as it failed to make proper provision for the exercise of public rights for the 2021/22 accounts. The public notice for Summer 2021 was incorrectly published as the Summer 2022 (2021/22 accounts) public notice on the council website.'

It appears that in error the 2019/2020 Notice of Public Rights was uploaded to the website instead of the 2021/2022 Notice. However the 2021/2022 Notice was published on both notice boards that are displayed here at the Town Hall. Extra care will be taken when posting the 2022/2023 Public rights Notice.