

Hacheston Parish Council

AGAR Governance Statements 2025-2026

Explanation for Assertion 10 'No' Response

All smaller authorities (excluding parish meetings) must also have an IT policy. This explains how everyone - clerks, members and other staff - should conduct authority business in a secure and legal way when using IT equipment and software. This relates to the use of authority-owned and personal equipment.

The Council is unable to provide positive affirmation to Assertion 10 for the year 2025/26 as it did not have an IT Policy in place during the year and accordingly did not fully comply with Proper Practices. However, a Data & IT Policy which was circulated as a draft in August 2024 was adopted at the Council's meeting on 20th May 2026.