

IWERNE MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Financial Risk Assessment for Completion of Accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Area	Risk	Management of Risk	Action Taken
<u>Financial Management Precept</u>	<p>No Budget set.</p> <p>Precept not submitted.</p> <p>Precept not received.</p> <p>Adequacy of Precept</p> <p>Receipt when due.</p>	<p>Prepare annual budget.</p> <p>Full Minute.</p> <p>Confirm Receipt.</p> <p>Quarterly review of budget to actual.</p>	<p>RFO to prepare budget annually for Council approval - minuted.</p> <p>RFO to verify.</p> <p>RFO to verify.</p> <p>RFO Diary.</p> <p>RFO Diary.</p>
Investment Income	<p>Claims procedure</p> <p>Receipt of grant when due</p>	<p>Clerk/RFO check as required.</p>	<p>Clerk/RFO/Member/IA to verify.</p> <p>Clerk/RFO Diary.</p> <p>Clerk/RFO Diary.</p>
Grants		<p>Clerk/RFO to check as required.</p>	
Clerk/RFO	<p>Mis-management of funds/fraud.</p> <p>Wrong Salary/hours/rate paid.</p> <p>Loss of key personnel</p>	<p>Expenditure approved by Council.</p> <p>Prepare Contract of Employment and check PAYE.</p> <p>Hours, health, stress, training, long term sick, early departure – risk monitored and managed as appropriate.</p>	<p>RFO/Clerk to minute expenditure.</p> <p>RFO & two Councillors required to sign cheques and stubs.</p> <p>Payments supported by invoices.</p> <p>Fidelity guarantee set at £100,000</p> <p>IA to check salary paid against contract/minutes and bank statement.</p> <p>Clerk/RFO/Member view.</p>

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Direct Costs & Overhead Expenses	Goods not supplied. Invoice incorrectly calculated or recorded. Cheque payable is excessive or to wrong party.	Follow up on all orders. Check invoices and perform bank reconciliations monthly. Signatory initials stub.	RFO & Internal Auditor to verify.
Grants & Support	No power to pay or no evidence of agreement of Council to pay.	Minute council agreement with the power to authorize payment.	Clerk/Member to verify.
Election Costs	Invoice at agreed rate	RFO check and consider budget.	RFO to verify.
Assets	Loss, damage, vandalism etc Risk or damage to Third Party	Annual inspection, update insurance and asset register. Review adequate Public Liability insurance.	RFO Diary. RFO Diary.
VAT	VAT Analysis. Claimed within time limits.	All items in cash book list VAT. Returns submitted.	RFO to verify.
Reserves-general	Adequacy	Consider at budget setting.	RFO opinion, 3 year plan.
Reserves-earmarked	Adequacy. Unidentified liability	Consider at budget and review of final accounts. Review minutes.	RFO opinion. RFO/Member opinion.
Legal Powers	Illegal activity or payment	Educate Council as to their legal powers.	Clerk.

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Financial Records	Inadequate records	RFO/Clerk check regularly and internal audit review.	Clerk/RFO Diary.
Members Interests	Conflict of interest	Declarations of interest to be documented / minuted and any conflict addressed as appropriate.	Clerk.
Covid 19	Transmitting the virus Sickness Death Isolation	To following the guidelines given by Government and NHS. Close play area Meeting held virtually Keep information up to date on website for those who need help	Clerk

The risk management procedures, as documented above, were confirmed to be in practice by the Parish Clerk on  31/5/22