

Elmsett Parish council Risk assessment and management (financial) for the period 1 April 2023__ to 31 March 24

The risk management procedures, as documented below, were confirmed to be in practice by the Internal AuditorMay, 2023..... (date)

Topic	Risk Identified	Risk Level H/M/L	Management of Risk	Staff action
Precept	Not submitted	L	Full Minute – RFO follow up	Diary
	Not paid by DC	L	Confirm receipt	Diary
	Adequacy of precept	H	Quarterly review of budget to actual	Diary
Other Income	Cash handling	L	There is no cash handling	
	Cash banking	L	Segregate duties. Check to bank statements. Regular bank reconciliations	Member to verify reconciliations taking place
Grants	Claims procedure	M	Clerk/RFO check as required	Diary
	Receipt of grant when due	M	Clerk/RFO check as required	Diary

Salaries	Wrong salary/hours/rate paid	M	Check salary to minute, check hours and rate to contract	Member to verify
	Wrong deductions – NI and Income tax	M	Check to PAYE Calculations	Member to verify
	Self-employed status challenged	M	Agree with Inland Revenue self-employed status	Obtain letter from Inland Revenue and keep on file
Direct Costs and overhead expenses	Goods not supplied to Council	M	Follow up on all orders	Approval check
	Invoice incorrectly calculated or recorded	L	Check arithmetic on invoices and perform bank reconciliations on quarterly basis	Nom- signatory Member to verify at each meeting
	Cheque payable is excessive or to wrong party	M	Signatory initials Stub & Voucher	Approval check

Grants & support	No power to pay or no evidence of agreement of Council to pay	M	Minute council agreement with the power used to authorize payment	Member verify
	Conditions agreed	L	Agree and document any reasonable conditions	RFO check
Election Costs	Invoice at agreed rate	L	RFO check and consider budget	RFO verify
VAT	VAT analysis	M	All items in cash book lists	RFO verify
	Charged on sales	M	No sales undertaken	
	Charged on purchases	L	Consider all items per cash book lists	RFO verify
	Claimed within time limits	M	Agree returns submitted	RFO verify

Reserves – General	Adequacy	L	Consider at Budget setting	RFO opinion. 3 year plan
Reserves – Earmarked	Adequacy	L	Consider at Budget and review of final accounts	RFO opinion
	Unidentified Earmarked or Contingent liability	L	Review minutes	RFO/member view
Assets	Loss, Damage etc	M	Annual inspection, update insurance and asset registers	Diary annually
	Risk or damage to third party property or individuals	M	Review adequacy of Public Liability Insurance	Diary annually
Staff	Loss of key personnel (Clerk)	L	Hours, health, stress, training, long term sick, early departure – risk monitored and managed as appropriate	RFO/member view
	Fraud by staff	L	Fidelity Guarantee value appropriately set	Council to review annually
Loss	Consequential loss due to critical damage or third-party performance	L	Review adequacy of Insurance cover	Diary
Maintenance	Reduced value of assets or amenities – loss of income or performance	M	Annual maintenance inspection	Diary
Legal Powers	Illegal activity or payment	H	Educate Council as to their legal powers	Diary
Financial Records	Inadequate records	L	RFO/clerk check regularly and internal audit review	Diary
Minutes	Accurate and legal	L	Review at following meeting	Diary

Members interests	Conflict of interest	M	Declarations of interest to be documented/minuted and any conflict addressed as appropriate	Diary
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Reviewed and adopted on: ___12___ September, 2023 _____

Note: Risk assessment must be reviewed and adopted by council/meeting/board/body annually during the financial year and before 31 March.