Boldre Parish Council (BPC)

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Financial Risk Assessment 2023-24

Risk Area	Risk Identified	Risk High/Med/Low	Management of Risk	Review/Revise	Date last Review Completed
Property and assets owned by the council	Loss or damage	М	 Register of assets held by Clerk Adequate insurance cover. 	Annual Annual by BPC	November 2023 November 2023
Harm to third party property or individuals	Public liability	Н	 Property maintenance. £10M Public Liability Insurance cover H&S Policy compliance 	When requiredBPC InsurancePolicy review 2023	When required 1st November 2023 December 2023
Banking arrangements, including borrowing or lending	Detect and deter fraud or corruption	L	 Monthly review of bank statements & bank reconciliation by Councillors. Two person approval account in use 	Financial Regulations Policy	December 2023
Charge Card	Improper use	L	£1000 per month limit in force Charge card charges/invoices reviewed at Council meeting	Financial Regulations Policy	December 2023
Loss of cash	Theft or dishonesty	None	No cash held		
Security of buildings, or equipment	Unauthorised access	М	 Inspection of building (Sports Pavilion & Store) Control on number of key holders. 	By Groundsman weekly. Key holder list revised	Weekly November 2023
Ad hoc provision of facilities for events to local community groups	Public Liability	L	 Hirer to sign Use of Council Facilities by Third Parties Policy document Hirer to sign contract if required. 	 Inspect hirer's insurance & relevant H&S documents. Ensure any deposit received Councillor or Staff to check facility as soon as practical after use. 	Per event or agreed contract
Employment of Contractors	Suitability	L	 Contractor to sign Use of Council Facilities by Third Parties Policy document Contractor to sign contract if required Contractors to note visit in pavilion diary 	 Inspect contractor's insurance & relevant H&S documents. Councillor or Staff to check facility as soon as practical after use 	Per agreed contract
Professional services (e.g. architects, accountants, auditors etc.)	Suitability	L	Refer to HALC/NALC or others based on best available advice.	Annual	Internal Auditor confirmed June 2023

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Proper financial records	In accordance with statutory requirements	L	Checking by BPC: bank balances, payments, budget availability	Monthly Review by Internal Audit.	November 2023May 2023
Business activities	Ensuring that they are within the legal powers of council	L	Reference to legislation and guidance. Appoint suitable Clerk/RFO.	As necessary	December 2022
Inland Revenue regulations	Ensure requirements are met	L	Correct use of HMRC Payments system	Monthly	October 2023
VAT	Ensuring that HMRC requirements are met	L	Payment of VAT on invoices Claim VAT refunds from HMRC	As necessary Claims made quarterly	November 2023
Annual precept	Ensuring sound budgeting arrangements	L	Annual budget review (November) for Finance sub-group who advise BPC and propose precept level.	Annually	November 2023
Grant requests received	Ensuring the proper use of funds granted to local community bodies	L	Grant Policy and application forms	BPC reviews grant applications	As necessary
Council Minutes	Accurate reporting of council business in the Minutes	L	 Draft minutes circulated to Councillors Minutes approved at BPC meetings and posted on website. Declaration of Interests are recorded at each BPC meeting 	MonthlyMonthlyMonthly	October 2022
BPC Finances	Rights of inspection	L	Approved financial audit summary posted on BPC website Monthly Bank Reconciliation posted on website	AnnuallyMonthly	August 2023October 2023
Document control	Appropriate systems	L	Backups of documents to One Drive Cloud (off site).	Constant	
Register of BPC Member's Interests	In place, complete, accurate and up to date	L	Member's Interest forms completed by all Councillors, & sent to NFDC when appointed	When elected or Co-opted to BPC	• May 2023