

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Risk Assessment and Management (Financial) - 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Topic	Risk Identified	Risk Level H/M/L	Management of Risk	Staff action
Precept	Not submitted	L	Full Minute - RFO follow up	Diarise
	Not paid by DC	L	Confirm receipt & minute	Diarise
	Adequacy of precept	H	Quarterly review of budget to actual	Diarise
Other income	Cash handling	L	Cash handling is avoided	
	Cash banking	L	Cash handling is avoided	
	From Allotments	M	Check allotment register to Invoices	Member to verify
Grants	Claims procedure	M	Clerk/RFO check as required	Diarise
	Receipt of grant when due	M	Clerk/RFO check as required	Diarise
Investment Income	Receipt when due	L	Clerk/RFO check as required	Diarise
	Surplus funds	L	Review levels and investment policy annually +	Diarise

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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 monthly basis.	Member to verify
	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	Consider annually	RFO verify
	Charged on purchases	L	Consider all items per cash book lists	RFO verify
	Claimed within time limits	M	Agree returns submitted	RFO verify

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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	Diarise
	Risk or damage to third party property or individuals	M	Review adequacy of Public Liability Insurance	Diarise
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	Diarise
Maintenance	Reduced value of assets or amenities -loss of income or performance	M	Annual maintenance inspection	Diarise
Legal Powers	Illegal activity or payment	H	Educate Council as to their legal powers	Diarise
Financial Records	Inadequate records	L	RFO/clerk check regularly + internal audit review	Diarise
Minutes	Accurate and legal	L	Review at following meeting	Diarise
Members interests	Conflict of interest	M	Declarations of interest to be documented/ minuted and any conflict addressed as appropriate	Diarise