

Beaworthy Parish Council RISK ASSESSMENT

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Risk(s) Identified</u>	<u>Risk Score H/M/L</u>	<u>Management/Control of Risk</u>	<u>Review Date/Reassessment</u>
Business Continuity	Council not being able to continue its business or tragic circumstance	M	All files and recent records kept at the clerk's home. Computer back up of files taken regularly. In the event of the clerk being indisposed, the chairman holds the details of website and computer/email log on information.	Review when necessary Scheme of Delegation agreed in March 21 to allow for continuity only during Covid 19 lockdown periods Clerk now uses a council owned laptop.
Meeting Location	Adequacy Health and Safety	L	Meetings are held in the Beaworthy House Meeting Room The premises and facilities are considered to be adequate for the clerk, councillors and any public who attend from a health, safety and comfort point of view.	Adequate risk control in place. Reviewed for Covid Regulations. Beaworthy Parish Hall is now used for meetings
Council Records	Loss through theft fire or damage	M	Current papers held in a filing cabinet in the clerk's home. Archive material also kept here.	Damage or theft is unlikely so provision is considered as adequate. Digital records are kept where possible
Council Records Electronic	Loss through damage fire, corruption of computer	L	The parish council's electronic records are stored on the council's computer, USB and the cloud.	Adequate risk control in place
Precept	Adequacy of precept	L	Sound budgeting to underline annual precept. The parish council receives monthly banking information, quarterly budget updates, and a detailed budget in the autumn. The precept is an agenda item in December.	Existing procedure adequate.
Insurance	Adequacy Cost Compliance Fidelity guarantee	L L L L	A review is undertaken of all insurance arrangements on renewal. Employers liability, public liability and and fidelity guarantee are a statutory requirement. Current levels as per the insurance schedule.	Existing procedure adequate. Review provision and compliance Annually.

Banking	inadequate checks	L	The council has Financial Regulations which set out the requirements for banking, cheques and the accounts are annually reviewed by internal audit .	Existing procedures adequate. Review Financial Regulations Annually a non signatory councillor reviews all bank recs and signed statements as per Finance Regs
Cash	Loss through theft or dishonesty.	L	The council has no petty cash or float. Any cash transactions made by the clerk, are fully receipted and then re-imbursed, paid by cheque.	Existing procedures adequate.
Financial controls and records.	Inadequate checks	L	Monthly reconciliations/Finance reports prepared by the clerk and checked by the chairman . Two signatories required per cheque. Internal audit. Any financial obligation must be resolved and clearly minuted before any commitment. All payments must be resolved and clearly minuted. Any S137 payments must be recorded at the time of approval.	Existing procedures adequate Scheme of Delegation agreed in March 21 to allow for continuity during a lockdown
Freedom of Information	Policy Provision	L	The council has the model publication scheme for local councils in place.	Monitor and report any impacts made under Freedom of Information Act.
Clerk	Loss of clerk Actions Fraud	M L L	The requirements of fidelity insurance guarantee must be adhered to. Clerk should be provided with any relevant training, reference books, access to assistance and legal advice	Membership of DALC maintained. Monitor working conditions. Membership of SLCC recommended in 2020
Election	Risk of Election cost	M	Risk is higher in election year. There are no measures which can be adopted to minimise the risk of a contested election. A contingency fund should be kept to meet these possible costs, particularly in election year.	Included in financial budget when setting precept. Contingency now implemented over the 4 year period in preparation of costs
VAT	Re-claiming/charging	L	The council has financial regulations which set out the requirements. VAT reclaims are undertaken annually.	Existing procedures adequate.
Annual Return	Not submitted within time limits.	L	Annual return is completed correctly as per guidance	Existing procedure adequate.

ASSETS

Street furniture	Damage to or theft of equipment/benches etc.	L	An asset register is kept up to date and insurance is held at the appropriate level for all items. Regular checks are made on all equipment by members of the council.	Existing procedure adequate. The PC have 2 noticeboards
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LIABILITY

Legal Powers	Illegal activity or payments Working parties taking decisions.	L M	All activity and payments made within the powers of the parish council are to be resolved and clearly minuted. No working parties exist within the parish council.	Existing procedures adequate. If working party is created Terms of Reference will be agreed at full council meeting
Minutes/ Agendas/ Statutory Documents	Accuracy and legality Non compliance with statutory requirements	L L	Minutes and agendas are produced in the prescribed method and adhere to legal requirements. Minutes are approved and signed at the next meeting. Minutes and agendas are displayed according to legal requirements. Business conducted at council meetings is managed by the chairman.	Existing procedures adequate. Undertake adequate training. Councillors to adhere to the Code of Conduct.
Public liability	Risk to third party, Property or individuals	M	Insurance is in place. Risk assessment of any individual event undertaken.	Existing procedure adequate.
Employer Liability	Non compliance with Employment law	L	Undertake adequate training and seek advice from DALC or District Council where necessary.	Existing procedure adequate
Legal Liability	Legality of activities Proper and timely reporting via Minutes	M	Clerk to clarify legal position on proposals and seek advice if necessary. Council always receives and approves minutes at monthly meetings.	

COUNCILLORS PROPRIETY

Members	Conflict of interest	M	Councillors have a duty to declare any interest at the start of the meeting. Register of Members	Existing procedures adequate
Interests	Register of Members Interests	L	Interests form to be reviewed on an annual basis.	Members to take responsibility to update their register but are reminded annually.

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Next review date April 2024