## Appledore Parish Council

Financial and Management Risk Assessment for Appledore Parish Council March 2017

Area	Risk	Level (Low, Medium,High)	Control
Assets	Protection of physical assets - Buildings	M	Buildings insured. Value increased annually by RPI. Regular visual Inspection of Public Conveniences recorded in log book.
	Security of buildings	М	For Public toilets: Automatic door locking system and prominent lightning.
	Maintenance of buildings	L	For Public Toilets: Regular review of condition. Compliance with electrical safety inspection and previous safety inspections. Periodic updating of furnishings.
	Other property and land	L	Visual check monthly and annual review.
Finances	Banking	L	All money held in the bank in no-risk accounts. Double signatory check book. Monthly timely reporting and agreement of payments. Sight of invoices by signatories.
	Risk of cash through dishonesty or theft	L	No cash. Refunds only made with sight of receipt. No cheques signed by recipient.
	Risk of consequential loss of income (Business Interruption)	М	Important documents back up on portable hard drive stored in separate building to files/computer. When completed cloud storage of computer held files.
	Financial controls and records	L	Quarterly reconciliation, with expenditure to budget, prepared by the Clerk and reported to Council. Independent professional internal audit. Best practice publication of accounting information on website as well as Annual Return (which is posted in Noticeboard as well)
	Complying with VAT regulations	L	Use helpline where necessary and internal auditor. Internal Auditor to verify. Membership of regional professional bodies (NALC, KALC, SLCC) so Clerk/Councillor to attend financial update seminars and to seek advice.
	Sound budgeting to underlie annual precept	L	Council to receive detailed budget in the late autumn. Precept to be derived from this. Expenditure against

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			budget reported to council once a
	Complying with loan		year.  Loan payments are by direct debit.
	requirements and		Review current account for sufficient
Linkilia.	borrowing requirements	N 4	funds for financial running of council
Liability	Risk to third parties	М	Insurance in place. Open spaces
			checked regularly. Public Toilets:
			Inspected daily but for Sunday.
			Written records kept.
	Public Request for	L	Check F.O.I and data handling
	Information		requirement before each request.
			Free subscription to Information
			Commissioners Office newsletter.
			View IFC tutorials.
Employer	Comply with	M	Membership of regional professional
Liability	employment law		bodies for advice and training.
	Comply with Pensions	L	Monthly consideration of payroll with
	Regulator		regard to govt. threshold for auto-
			enrolment. Consult with Pensions
			Regulator.
	Comply with HMRC	L	Employ payroll provider and also
	requirements	_	membership of regional professional
	requirements		bodies for advice. Consult with HMRC
	Health and Safety	M	Risk assessment of employees' job
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			reviewed annually. Any required
			training to be provided. Insurance
			cover provided.
	Volunteers	L	Risk Assessment carried out and held
			on file and insurance in place.
	Proper document	L	Leases and legal documents in clerk's
	control		room/ council archives in Maidstone.
			Copies in Clerk's Office. Ownership of
			Land and buildings is registered with
			Land Registry. Other data storage to
			comply with Data Protection Act.
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Members	Dansana and sulting		I become a consequent the control of
	Persons and actions	L	Insurance covered through Officers'
			Indemnity, Libel and Slander cover
			and when working as volunteers
	Register of interest and	L	Register of interest is present at each
	gifts and hospitality		council meeting. Annual reminder to
			review these at the annual general
			meeting of the council.