

# Wickersley Parish Council

Reviewed January 2020

**Category**  
**FINANCIAL RISK**

**Potential Risk**

**Responsibility**

**Measures taken**

Banking arrangements	Poor controls on banking arrangements open possibility of fraud or misappropriation of funds	Co-operative bank via Post Office or branch	Changes to mandate approved by Council Minute.
Borrowing arrangements	Potential for fraud or mis-appropriation of funds	Council	All borrowing minuted and reviewed within budget statements
Budget	Inadequate overall budget causes spending difficulties / financial loss. Over estimating budget, causing increase to reserve value	The Clerk	Reviewed at committee meetings by the Clerk and committee and quarterly throughout year by full council

Business Planning	Potential to have only a short-term view of planning. Lack of clarification of allocation of reserves.	Finance Committee	Business Plan in place and reviewed by Finance Committee in conjunction with reserves policy.
Council Financial Regulations	Regulations do not reflect any changes in year and Council acts unlawfully beyond its powers.	Council.	Annual review of adequacy
Expenditure approval	Poor controls on spending arrangements open possibility of fraud or misappropriation of funds	Clerk Imprest / Full Council main account	List approved at monthly meeting of Council. . Budget limit on imprest a/c £1500. Scheme of delegation set within Financial regulations
Fraud / Misappropriation of funds	Financial loss.	Finance Committee.	annum. One external audit per annum. The Council
Inland Revenue payments	Payments not made may lead to fines or prosecution	The Clerk	Sage Payroll + support in use. Payments made monthly and reviewed by Council.
Internal audit testing	Potential for fraud or mis-appropriation of funds	Voluntary Action Rotherham	Testing is based on internal audit principles within law.
Internal controls	Potential for fraud or mis-appropriation of funds	Voluntary Action Rotherham	Internal Audit is carried out twice a year by a suitably qualified auditor.

Precept	Inadequate precept causes overspent budget / financial loss.	The Clerk/Council	Precept based on realistic budget. Discussed, approved and signed-off by Council In January. Regular quarterly budget monitoring statements.
VAT payments	Payments not made may lead to fines or prosecution	The Clerk	least quarterly, and meets HMRC digital submission

**INSURANCE**

Insurance (robustness of provider)	Financial Loss.	BHIB Ltd	Company provide insurance cover for hundreds of local councils.
Insurance Cover (consequential)	Financial loss.	BHIB Ltd	Reviewed annually and cross-checked against income/expenditure account to determine level of cover required.

Insurance Cover (Employment & public lia	Financial loss.	BHIB Ltd	Currently £10m
Insurance Cover (fidelity)	Financial loss.	BHIB Ltd	Reviewed annually with due regard to maximum exposure.
Insurance Cover (furniture/equipment)	Financial loss.	Inventory register	This figure is reviewed annually and cross-checked against the inventory register.
Insurance Cover (physical assets)	Financial loss.	BHIB Ltd	This cover is index linked. The property (rebuilding) cost is based on insurance revaluations.
Insurance (review of risk)	Financial loss.	Internal audit	Internal Audit is carried out once a year and the Clerk and Auditor review the general risk strategy

**GENERAL**

Asset (maintenance)	Potential for loss, damage or mis-appropriation of assets by unauthorised persons.	Council.	Inventory register updated annually, equipment inspected.
Contracts (actual)	Unlawful contracts entered into leading to financial loss and/or litigation.	Approved by Council	Reviewed annually
Contracts of Employment	Employment Tribunals leading to potential for financial loss, and legal action.	Council.	New contracts issued to reflect changes in legislation.

<p>Employment Law</p>	<p>Employment Tribunals leading to potential for financial loss, and legal action.</p>	<p>Human Resources Committee.</p>	<p>Regular review of effects of changes to employment law via YLCA White Rose Bulletins and action plan approved by Human Resources Committee.</p>
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Loss of computer records	Loss of data.	The Clerk	Backup of all computer records onto external drive. Drive held at separate site. Key documents printed and filed in hard copy. Cloud back-up. Contract with BHPIT (third party software management company) to manage IT requirements.
Loss of Parish Clerk	Council unable to function.	Council.	Clerk to Maltby to cover in emergency / YLCA locum cover available.

Maintenance of vulnerable equipment	Injury leading to financial loss and/or litigation.	Handypersons.	Checked daily by Parish Council Handypersons
Performance measurement	Employment Tribunals leading to potential for financial loss, and legal action.	Council.	Appraisals form aprt of employment contracts .
Proper reporting in minutes. Minutes signed, paginated and numbered.	Council acts unlawfully if proper minutes not kept.	The officer of the meeting	Minutes approved each month. Committee minutes approved at the following committee meeting.
Register of members interests	Council acts unlawfully if resolutions passed without declarations of interest.	The Clerk	New Councillors asked to sign forms. All Councillors asked to review records every year.

**Action**













