

## Hanslope Parish Council

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### HANSLOPE PARISH COUNCIL - INTERNAL CONTROL PROCEDURE

DATE: 05/04/24 – re. March 31st – Q4 2024

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<b>TIMEFRAME</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CHECK</b>
<b>WEEKLY</b>				
Check current account and update accounts	Clerk/RFO	Weekly	GM	√ gm
Check payments received and check against orders	Clerk/RFO	Weekly	GM	√ gm –
<b>MONTHLY</b>				
Update and balance accounts to month-end.	Clerk/RFO	After month-end, before PC meeting	GM	√ gm
Reconcile account balances to bank statement	Internal Control Councillor	After month-end, before PC meeting	EP	√ EP
Reconcile invoices to payments in statement	Internal Control Councillor	After month-end, before PC meeting	EP	√ EP
Produce management accounts for councillors	Clerk/RFO	After month-end, before PC meeting	GM	√ gm
Compile invoices for payment and present to council	Clerk/RFO	After month-end, before PC meeting	GM	√ gm
Ensure payments are made and dual-authorized	Clerk/RFO and 2 <sup>nd</sup> account signatory second signatory implemented	After PC meeting	GM and DC	√ gm
Ensure invoices checked off & dated	Clerk/RFO	After PC meeting	GM	√ gm
<b>QUARTERLY</b>				

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VAT claim	Clerk/RFO	Apr-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec, Jan-Mar	GM	√ gm Q3-rec'd, Q4 O/S
Check any audit recommendations	Clerk/RFO and Internal Control councillor	2023 (continue to present EMRs and timeframes)	GM/EP	√ gm
Check O/S creditors and debtors. Action as necessary.	Clerk/RFO	Ongoing	GM	√ gm
Check and present balance sheet	Clerk/RFO	July, Oct, Jan, April meetings	GM	√ gm Mar 24
<b>TWICE YEARLY</b>				
Review Financial Regs	Clerk/RFO and Internal control councillor	May (at AMPC)	GM/EP	√ gm May 2023
Any budget revisions or virements	Clerk/RFO	Oct/Feb	GM	√ gm Dec 23
Arrange and prepare for Interim Audit. Action recommendations	Clerk/RFO and internal control councillor	April/May and Oct/Nov	GM/EP	√ gm Nov 23
Review Risk Register	Clerk/RFO	Nov and May (at AMPC)	GM	√ gm Mar 24 done
<b>ANNUALLY</b>				
Year-end closedown	Clerk/RFO and RBS software support	After March 31 <sup>st</sup>	GM/RBS	Done: April 24
Final VAT claim	Clerk/RFO	After March 31 <sup>st</sup>	GM	Done: April 24
Prepare documents for internal and external audit.	Clerk/RFO	April/May	GM	√ gm
Arrange for Internal Audit	Clerk/RFO	Between March 31 <sup>st</sup> and May 30th	GM/TC/EP	√ gm

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<b>Check on requirement for Period of Elector's Rights. Obtain council agreement and publish dates.</b>	Clerk/RFO	Between March 31 <sup>st</sup> and May 30 <sup>th</sup> . Period of Elector's Rights: 30 working days – must include first 10 working days of July	GM/Council	To agree on 8/4/24
<b>Agree Budget for following year</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	By January meeting	GM/Council	√ <i>gm</i> Dec 23
<b>Agree Precept for following year</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	By January meeting	GM/Council	√ <i>gm</i> Dec 23
<b>Publish Audit dates and timeframe and action accordingly</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	By May meeting	GM/Council	√ <i>gm</i> Mar 2024 - done
<b>Budget projection</b>	Clerk/RFO	Jan/Feb	GM	√ Feb 24
<b>NON-FINANCIAL</b>				
<b>Appoint Chairman</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	May (AMPC)	Council	√
<b>Review Standing Orders</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	May (AMPC)	Council	√
<b>Review Asset Register</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	May (AMPC)	Council	√
<b>Review/re-ratify Council Policies</b>	Clerk/RFO/Council	May (AMPC)	Council	√