

Utttoxeter Town Council Business Risk Assessment

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Item	Details	Monitored (Yes/No)	Action
1	Assets		
	Insurance Cover for the Council Buildings Brewery Clock Contents Fidelity Markets Theft Personal Injury Public Liability Slander/Libel	Y	Recommended only deal with Municipal Insurers and updated as necessary
	External Assets Allotments 32 Carter Street 34-36 Carter Street 19A High Street Area of Reflection Memorial Items Part of Unit 4a Carters Square/former Rear Annexe Bus shelters Cemetery including Above Ground Level Sanctums Cemetery Chapels Charles Orme Token Collection Christmas Lights Coat of Arms including Heraldic Shield Floral features including trees Jubilee Bench Kiosk Market Stalls & Trailer Memorial Benches Millennium Monument St. Mary's Closed Churchyard Wall Street Furniture including Benches Street Lighting Telephone Box War Memorial Sub Contractors Additional Equipment Speed Indicator Devices (x10) Town Entry Signs (x6)	Y	Recommended only deal with Municipal Insurers and updated as necessary
	Office security Sensitive computer data is password protected General Data Protection Regulation Compliance Deadlocks fitted on external doors Files Backed up on regular basis Back up removed to remote site Adequate Alarm System in place	Y	Maintained regularly
	Regular Maintenance/ inspections Annual Risk Assessments completed Inspection log maintained Adequate legislative safety checks	Y	For Council properties only Inspection log helps defend against claims

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	Asset Register	Maintained and accurate	Y	Updated as necessary
	Mayoral Chain	Adequately Insured and maintained	Y	Updated as necessary
	Consort's Medallion	Adequately Insured and maintained	Y	Updated as necessary
	Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office	Adequately Insured and maintained	Y	Updated as necessary
	Town Crier Reg	Adequately Insured and maintained	Y	Updated as necessary

2	<u>Finance</u>			
	Cash Loss	Procedures to ensure safety of cash transfer (if applicable)	Y	Limit cash handling as far as possible. Do not have a routine for banking cash
	Handling VAT	Make accurate and regular reclaims Ensure correct values applied	Y	Chair of F&GP 1/4 basis verifies Accounts/VAT Return
	Budgeting (precepts)	Maintain accurate accounts to control budgets Annual precept based on adequate budgetary process Appropriate Reserves/contingencies to be incorporated within the precept Appropriate Earmarked Reserves duly considered by Council prior to the start of new fiscal year	Y	Start process in September to enable determination of Precept. Clerk and RFO to produce budget estimate and Council shall approve Estimates at its meeting before the end of November, in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3
	Grant funding	Established system in place for quarterly monitoring/allocation of written grant applications	Y	Administration of grant allocation reviewed annually
	Conforming to legislation	Commitment to regulations/procedures Items purchased with proper tendering procedures Payments made with approval/control	Y	Seeking appropriate advice and accepting it where necessary. Advise Council accordingly of advice sought
	Banking arrangements	Control of signatories Continual review of the Council's Bank Accounts (Business Account, Business Deposit Accounts, Special Interest Bearing, Town Hall Account and Mayoral Account) Security methods in place for online Banking access to the Council's RBS Bank Accounts	Y	Do not sign blank cheques. Payments being made by BACS or CHAPS are authorised by Council/Cheque Signatories and inputted by RFO and checked by Office Manager/Admin Staff Ensuring Invoices and cheque counterfoils are initialled
	Gifts	Maintain register and review regularly		Update accordingly
	Salary payments	Paid in accordance with Council regulations PAYE/NI/Pensions payments to be made monthly Superannuation payments to be made monthly	Y	External Payroll Provider Bradleys Accounting Services providing all Council's Payroll, HMRC and Pension Regulator Provisions Payments being made by BACS or CHAPS are authorised by Council/Cheque Signatories and inputted by RFO and checked by Office

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				Manager/Admin Staff
	Financial Procedures	All receipts and payments data to be inputted into the Accounts System by the RFO together with Monthly Bank Reconciliation RFO to be accompanied by Chair of F&GP for ¼ Bank Recs. Account monitoring undertaken by the RFO and Clerk together with quarterly checks by the Chairman of F & GP Internal/External Auditor Internal Audit Interim visit Accounting System Support attend twice yearly – Accounts system health-check and provide end of year assistance	Y	Internal/Interim Audit procedures in place Countersigning cheques after checking invoices together with initialling counterfoil and invoice. Mayor & Deputy Mayor to sign agreed cheque authorisation list.

3	Public Liability			
	Street Furniture	Adequate insurance	Y	Ensure all items are adequately covered.
	Street Lighting	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Bus Shelters	Adequate insurance	Y	Seek advice from Insurance Company.
	War Memorials	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Market(s)	Adequate insurance	Y	
	UIB Floral trees	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Millennium Monument	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Cemetery	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Stone Jubilee Bench	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Chapels	Adequate insurance	Y	
	SID Signs	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Council owned Properties	Adequate insurance	Y	
	Christmas Lights	Adequate insurance	Y	

4	Legal			
	Meetings	Conducted legitimately	Y	Requires good Chairmanship and good liaison between Clerk/Chair
	Minutes	Signed and retained appropriately	Y	At Council Meeting.
	Agendas	Sent out in time and giving sufficient detail of the business to be transacted	Y	Ensure Councillors in possession of sufficient detail to make decisions
	Summons to Meetings	Councillors' awareness of responsibilities	Y	It is a summons and not discretionary
	Training	Continual Professional Development	Y	Council updated regularly on relevant training courses

5	Member Liability			
	Declarations of Interests	Register accurate and lodged with Monitoring Officer. Agenda items declared at each meeting. Individual Councillors to advise Council accordingly, if they wish to declare an interest in an agenda item. Members are informed that they are responsible for the updating of their Declaration of Interest.	Y	Copies of Signed Declarations are forwarded to the Monitoring Officer, ESBC. Advise Members that they should update their Declarations accordingly.
	Resolutions	The Chair summarises resolutions before Members	Y	Ensure that, through the

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		vote on them Where Members disagree with the advice of the Clerk, such disagreement must be recorded		Chair, Members are clear about resolutions being voted on.
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6	<u>Council Liability</u>			
	Lone person working	Comply with Employment Law	Y	Risk assessed and policy defined by Peninsula
	Contract of Employment	Issue contract including person specification	Y	Use NALC documents and seek advise from Council's HR Provider Peninsula and SPCA
	Duty of Care	To employees	Y	Seek advise from Peninsula and SPCA
	Councillors	Councillors are adequately advised of their responsibilities Lack of education of Councillors regarding culpability	Y	Ensure that Councillors get a welcome pack containing S.O.'s, Financial Reg., Good Councillors Guide, Code of Conduct legislation, etc
	Code of Conduct	Reporting of interests and Code of Conduct issues administered by East Staffordshire Borough Council	Y	See above

7	<u>Health and Safety</u>			
	Responsibilities	Members Employees Public	Y	Awareness
	Fire	(See separate risk assessment)	Y	See Risk Assessment
	COSHH	All Staff Cemetery Contractor responsible for this item	Y	Awareness Awareness
	P A T	Regular testing completed	Y	Annual Testing
	Evac Chair	Regular service/testing completed	Y	Training provided

8	<u>Contracts</u>			
	Monitoring of contracts	Compliance with legislation	Y	Monitor all aspects of contracts awarded and Payment allocation
	Letting of Contracts	Compliance with legislation	Y	In accordance with Financial Regulations
	Conditions of Contract	The Clerk reviews Contracts and advises Council accordingly	Y	Consider externalising if economic so that risk is transferred to contractor

9	<u>Administration</u>			
	Office cover	1. Meetings schedule arranged with available office cover in mind. 2. Holiday Cover as above	Y	
	Continuity of Democratic Bus. & Services	1. In the event of the Town Clerk/RFO being on long term absence, Council shall consider the provisions required for employing an Interim Clerk.	Y	

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		2. In the event of the Town Clerk/RFO being on long term absence, Council shall liaise with Council's Internal Auditor and Account Package provider RBS Rialtas with respect to the provisions required. 3. In the event of the Admin Assistant being on long term absence, the Office Manager will cover the Admin Assistant Role		
	Public accessibility	Ensure that the Community Town Hall is available for public facilities provided by the Town Council including for Registrar, Health and CAB Services	Y	Continue to monitor secure access into the Community Town Hall
	Procedures	Defined by the Clerk/Approved by Council Documents are stored in accordance with guidelines from NALC/SPCA	Y	Consider creating procedures manual
	Archiving	All records (required to be kept) are forwarded to Staffordshire County Council Records Office	Y	
	Standing Orders	Reviewed annually	Y	Use NALC Models
	Press comments	Consider drafting guidelines	Y	Compliance with S.O. 22a
	Data Protection	Appropriate measures taken to ensure legislative compliance	Y	Compliance with S.O. 21a and for Freedom Of Information and Data Protection policies

10	<u>Bye Laws</u>			
	Introduction	Higher Agencies involvement	Y	Consider whether what the Council is addressing would be covered by a higher tier of Local Authority

- There is no charge for a copy of this document.
- A notice to this effect has been displayed within Reception.
- The Clerk is the Council's Appointed Proper Officer for the release of papers under the Freedom on Information legislation.

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