

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDYFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Risk Assessment and Management (Financial)**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>H/M/L</b>	<b>Management of Risk</b>	<b>Staff action</b>	<b>IA freq.</b>
<b>Income</b>					Months
<b>Precept</b>	Not submitted	L	Full CC Minute – Clerk to follow up	Diary	12
	Not paid by County Council	L	Check & Report to Council	Diary	12
	Adequacy of precept	L	Quarterly review of budget to actual	Diary	12
<b>Charges</b>	Cash emptying	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
	Cash transport	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
	Cash banking	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
<b>Charges-Cemetery</b>	Grave allocation	L	Not a burial Authority		N/A
	Invoices to undertakers	L	Not a burial Authority		N/A
	Memorial fees	L	Not a burial Authority		N/A
<b>Charges-Allotments</b>	Rental invoices	L	No rentals		N/A
	Claims procedure including VAT	M	Clerk check quarterly	Diary	12
	Receipt of grant when due	M	Check & Report to Council	Diary	12
<b>Investments</b>	Investment Policy	L	Review policy annually	Diary	12
	Surplus funds / Reserves	L	Review how much funds will be needed to meet Council objectives / Review what could go wrong	Review during Precept setting	12
	Security of reserves	L	Review policy annually	Diary	12
<b>Sales</b>	Cash sales – Till	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
	Claims procedure	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
<b>Grants</b>	Non receipt	M	Ensure project completed to timescale – to be closely monitored	Diary	Monthly
<b>Community Receipts for specific purposes</b>	Correctly recorded	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
	Correctly banked	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever
	Used as anticipated	M	To be closely monitored		Whenever

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<b>Expenditure</b>					Months
<b>Salaries</b>	Wrong salary paid	M	Check to minute	Member verify	12
	Wrong hours paid	M	Check to timesheet/contract	Member verify	12
	Wrong rate pay	M	Check to contract	Member verify	12
	False employee	L	Check to PAYE Records & lists	Member verify	12
	Wrong deductions – NI	M	Clerk to use official HMRC software	Member verify	3
	Wrong deductions – Income tax	M	Clerk to use official HMRC software	Member verify	3
	Self Employed status challenged	L	Agree with Inland Revenue self-employed status	Clerk verify	12
<b>Financial Assistance</b>	Legal Power to contribute	M	Compliance with relevant legislation	Clerk verify	3
	Compliance with Council Policy	L	Educate/Remind members of Policy	Member verify	12
	Overspend	M	Clerk to monitor monthly	Clerk verify	3
<b>Direct Costs and Overhead Expenses</b>	Goods not supplied to CC	M	Order system	Approval check	12
	Invoice incorrectly calculated	L	Check arithmetic	Approval check	12
	Anticipated invoices not received	M	Commitments included on budget report	Clerk to chase as appropriate	3
	Cheque payable is excessive	M	Signatory initials etc Stub & Voucher	Member verify	12
	Cheque payable to wrong party	M	Signatory initials etc Stub & Voucher	Member verify	12
	Stock loss	M	Point of sale info and control	Reconcile to Stock	12
<b>Cllr Allowances</b>	Cllr Allowance	L	Agreed annually	Member verify if do not wish to receive	12
	Cllr overpaid	L	Claim form & minute	Clerk verify	12
	Wrong deductions – Income tax	M	Clerk to use official HMRC software	Member verify	3
<b>Grants and Support</b>	Power to pay	M	Minute power	Member verify	12
	Agreement of Council to pay	L	Minute	Member verify	12
	Conditions agreed	L	Use reasonable condition	Clerk verify	12
	Follow up verification	M	Clerk check and consider budget	Clerk verify	12
	Power to provide equipment	M	Clerk check and consider budget	Clerk verify	Whenever
	<b>Election Costs</b>	Invoice at agreed rate	L	Clerk check and consider budget	Clerk verify
<b>VAT</b>	VAT analysis	M	All items in cash book lists	Clerk verify	12
	Charged on sales	M	To be closely monitored	Clerk verify	Whenever

	Charged on purchases	L	Consider all items per cash book lists	Clerk verify	12
	Claimed within time limits	M	Agree returns submitted	Clerk verify	12
	Power to claim re-imburement	M	Clerk to ensure	Clerk verify	Whenever
<b>Reserves – Earmarked</b>	Adequacy of budget	L	Consider at Budget setting	Clerk opinion	12
	Earmarked or Contingent liability	L	Review minutes with Chair	Clerk/member view	12
<b>Reserves – General</b>	Adequacy	L	Consider at Budget and Final Accounts	Clerk opinion	12
<b>Assets</b>	Loss, Damage etc	M	6 Monthly inspection, update insurance and asset registers	Clerk verify	12
	Risk or damage to third party property or individuals	M	Review adequacy of Public Liability Insurance	Diary	12
<b>Staff</b>	Loss of key personnel (Clerk)	L	Hours, health, stress, training mangt.	Council	24
			Long term sickness, early departure		
	Fraud by staff	L	Fidelity Guarantee value	Council	12
<b>Staff / Councillor</b>	Long term illness - Staff	M	Provision of sick note to be required (self certification up to 1 week).  Council meetings to be cancelled if appropriate through consideration by Chair and Clerk if short term.  Alternative arrangements to be considered by Council if long term absence likely.	Clerk/member view	Whenever
	Illness – Councillor (s)	M	Council meetings to be cancelled if appropriate through consideration by Chair and Clerk if high numbers of members taken ill.  Apologies to be monitored as appropriate with dispensations considered if low numbers of members unwell.	Clerk/member view	Whenever
	Community illness	M	Council meetings to be cancelled if appropriate / carried out via video conferencing or alternative approved arrangements through consideration by	Clerk/member view	Whenever

			Chair and Clerk. Delegation as appropriate to Chair and Clerk where necessary to enable decisions to be made.		
<b>Loss</b>	Consequential loss due to critical damage or third party performance	L	Insurance cover review adequacy	Diary	12
<b>Cash</b>	Loss through theft or dishonesty	M	Insurance cover review ensure adequacy of Fidelity guarantee insurance	Diary	12
<b>Maintenance</b>	Poor performance of assets or amenities loss of income or performance	M	Six monthly maintenance inspection, Requirements regarding maintenance reviewed six monthly	Diary	12
<b>Borrowing/lending</b>	Adequacy of finances to be able to repay loans	L	Financial review and cash flow forecasting quarterly	Diary	12
<b>Legal Powers</b>	Illegal activity or payment	M	Educate Council as to their legal powers	Diary	24
	Ability to resolve Council as a Council with the Power of competence	M	Need to ensure all requirements are met to enable Council to do so	Ongoing	12
<b>Best value</b>	Overspend on services	M	Ensure correct tendering for services	Ongoing	12
<b>Meetings undertaken in hybrid fashion as required</b>	Possible meeting being undertaken illegally.	L/M	Clerk to ensure remote access.	Ongoing	12

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Financial Records	Inadequate records	L	Clerk and Chairman check quarterly + regular internal audit	Diary	12
Minutes	Accurate and legal, published within 7 days as required	L	Implemented monthly with review at following meeting	Diary	12
Members interests	Conflict of interest	M	Update declarations of interest	Diary	12
Internal Audit	Scope of Audit	M	To be discussed with the Auditor	Council and Clerk	12
	Independence	M	Ensure Auditor is Sufficiently independent, unbiased and objective	Council and Clerk	
	Competence	M	Ensure auditor has sufficient knowledge of local government finance to carry out Audit	Council and Clerk	
	Relationships	M	Ensure relevant responsibilities of members / Clerk / RFO and internal auditor are defined	Council and Clerk	
	Planning and Reporting	M	Ensure Council is aware of timetable on when internal audit will take place and be reported	Clerk	
	Non Countersigning of bank reconciliations	M	Member to sign during quarterly finance report meeting	Council and Clerk	3
<b>Consultations</b>	Meeting of deadlines for response	M	Monitor at Council meetings, Clerk to provide members with information between meetings where necessary.	Council and Clerk	Monthly
<b>Document Security</b>	Appropriateness of existing facilities	M	Retained at Clerk's home	Clerk	3
<b>General Data Protection Regulation</b>	Ensure Council Compliance	M	Clerk to consider impact and provide detail to Council	Clerk	3
<b>Health and Safety Risk Assessment</b>	Failure to identify	L	Annual report on play area by professional contractor. Clerk and Handyperson to visit amenities twice a year	Clerk	6
<b>Disability Discrimination Issues</b>	Failure to identify and implement adaptations	M	Annual report on play area by professional contractor. Clerk and Handyperson to visit amenities twice a year	Clerk	6
<b>Welsh Language Policy</b>	Preparation of and Implementation of Policy	L	Annual Review and report to Welsh Language Commissioner	Council and Clerk	12

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