

BRIEFING NOTE

Re: Annual Financial Risk Management Review 2019/20

1. The Panel is asked to review the Council's exposure to financial risk, a part of the annual risk management review. The arrangements are as detailed below:

Reference is made to 'Governance + Accountability for Smaller Councils' March 2017 Section 5 (Risk management).

Schedule of Financial Risk - income and funds:

Item	Amount (approx)	Current arrangement	Comment	Action
Income: Allotments	£2,100 pa	Notices issued and rent collected in October. Rents reviewed July	Very low risk. Tenancies are cancelled if rent not paid. Waiting list mean that plots will be taken.	None
Income: Cemetery	£8,600 pa	Payments received by cheque from Funeral Directors. Fees reviewed July	Very low risk. Service is not provided if payment not made.	None
Income: rents	£14,800	Invoices issued through the year. Bowls Club Tennis Club Charity shop	Very low risk. Tenancies are cancelled if rent not paid. WSCC £2,400 rent for Childrens Centre might be cancelled	None
Income: precept	£218,788 pa	Received twice-yearly from MSDC	Very low risk.	None
Income: interest	£900	Added to bank accounts by Bank	Very low risk.	None
Income: WSCC highway	zero	Partnership agreement, now closed		None
Income: parking discs	£1600 pa	Cash payments	Very low risk. Discs not provided if cash not received.	None
Funds: deposited	£86,800	Nationwide	Stability of bank is checked annually with FSA. Protected by £85,000 government underwrite.	None
Funds: deposited	£85,000	Cambridge + Counties	Stability of bank is checked annually with FSA. Protected by £85,000 government underwrite.	None
Funds: current acc	Between £40,000 and £160,000	Unity Bank	Stability of bank is checked annually with FSA. Protected by £85,000 government underwrite.	None
Funds: deposited	£65,800	CCLA	Stability is checked annually with FSA.	None
Hurstpierpoint Village Centre charity	£9,360	To be invoiced to charity.	Very low risk. Charity has strong balance sheet.	None
Income: Court Bushes Community hub	£25,388 in year 2019/20	£6,200 from MSDC grant £8,372 from nursery £10,816 from unspecified hirers	Low risk of Nursery income not received. Medium risk that not all hirers income is received Long term commitment to lease on facility, and if low income persisted, then increased costs to council would be funded from precept and/or reserves.	None

RECOMMENDATION to Council: The Annual Financial Risk Management Review for 2019/20 is adopted.

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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL 11 June 2019
