

# **Buckingham Town Council**

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Town Clerk: Claire Molyneux

Wednesday, 12 June 2024

FULL COUNCIL

Councillor,

You are summoned to an Interim meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

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Claire Molyneux Town Clerk

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

#### 2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

#### 3. Inventory of Land and Assets

To receive a report from the Finance Officer and Compliance and Projects Manager. <a href="Milester"><u>IM/28/24</u></a>
3.1 It is recommended that Members review and approve the revised Asset Register as at 31 March 2024.

Appendix A

- 4. Annual Internal Auditor's Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and Accounting Statements.
  - 4.1 Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24.
  - 4.2 Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024.
  - 4.3 Accounting Statements 2023/24.
  - 4.4 Internal Audit Observations with RFO's responses.

Appendix B Appendix C Appendix D Appendix E



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Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports, or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

#### 5. Exercise of Public Rights.

To note the dates set by the RFO for the Exercise of Public Rights as being Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

#### 6. Committee Membership

To agree to appoint Cllr. Jane Mordue as a member of the Communications Strategy Sub Committee.

#### 7. Motion: Cllr. H Mordue

'That the land off March Edge on Linden Village is registered by Buckingham Town Council as common land with Buckinghamshire Council, under Section 15(1) application under the Commons Act 2006.'

#### 8. Chair's announcements

#### 9. Date of next meetings:

Full Council: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

#### **Exclusion of public and press**

**RECOMMENDED** In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

#### 10. Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan

To receive a report from the Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk.

Report from ONH.

Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan review.

Buckingham draft allocations.

Articles: Burghclere and Thorpe.

Project Plan A.

Project Plan B.

Project Plan B.

#### 11. Moreton Road Phase III s106 open space

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

IM/30/24

To:

All Councillors

Email: office@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

## Buckingham Town Council Interim Full Council Monday 17th June 2024

# Contact Officers: Jodie Baughan – Finance Officer Steve Beech – Compliance and Projects Manager

#### FIXED ASSET REGISTER

#### 1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that Members agree the final Fixed Assets for 2023/24.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. Each year Full Council must review and agree the Fixed Assets held in the Asset Register before completion of the Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
- 2.2. The revised Asset Register total agrees with 2023/24 Accounting Statement 9 and reflects any additions and disposals which are recorded in the tables below.
- 2.3. During the year end audit, the auditor made a recommendation to revalue specific asset additions. These were recorded at a nominal £1 and advised to revalue as the full purchase price, as detailed in the tables.
- 2.4. The auditor advised that where assets are gifted, then best practice is to record them as £1, and where funds (e.g., grants or s106 monies) are received by the council to make the purchase, best practice is to record at full value.

#### 3. Tables

#### **RECONCILIATION OF FIXED ASSET MOVEMENT**

	£
Value of Assets 2022/2023	2256502
Additions in 2023/2024	+143654
Removals/Disposals in 2023/2024	-15125
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS 2023/2024	2385031

### **ASSETS ADDED**

£ NOTES	
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120300.00	S106 funded
1.00	Incorrect value stated see removal below **
11500.00	£4000 received in grants and £7500 funded by BTC
7500.00	Incorrect value stated see removal below *
1.00	Missing from previous register. Insurance £700
1.00	Missing from previous register. Insurance £700
1.00	Missing from previous register. Insurance £4750
3600.00	Community Board grant
1.00	Incorrect value stated see removal below ***
749.16	Incorrectly added, under policy threshold****

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### ASSETS REMOVED/DISPOSED

£ NOTES	
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Swan Sculptures
Bridge x 1 in Bourton Park
Tendra Wireless Router
Netgear Hub
Dell Inspiron Laptop (7630)
Toddler Playpark
Curved Bench
CCTV
TOTAL REMOVED

6872.00	7 of 10 sold. Now below threshold for asset register.
0.00	Correction to number of BTC owned bridges.
1.00	Obsolete
1.00	Obsolete
749.16	Under £1000 policy limit ****
1.00	Incorrect value stated on original addition entry **
1.00	Incorrect value stated on original addition entry ***
7500.00	Incorrect value stated on original addition entry *

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14:00	ASSET LIST BY GROUP NAM	ΛE		User: JODIE
DI DOZ	Dualding the one Community Contra	50,000,00	50,000,00	4 204 800 0
BLD07	Buckingham Community Centre	50,000.00	50,000.00	4,264,800.0
BLD08 BLD15	Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre  Toilet/Changing Places & Shop Mobility Unit	1.00 163,669.00	1.00 163,669.00	4,178,400.0 326,400.0
INF36	Cemetery Lodge - Fixtures & Fittings	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,258.3
INF47	Tennis Pavilion Fixtures & Fittings	20,000.00	20,000.00	3,236.3 0.0
INF48	Bowls Pavilion - Fixtures & Fittings	50,000.00	50,000.00	5,564.6
TOTAL FOR	Domo Farmon Farmos a Framigo	323,670.00	323,670.00	8,778,422.9
Admin Storage		,	,	-,··-,· <u>-</u>
FRN05	Filling Cabinet (4 Draw) X 2	1.00	1.00	500.0
TOTAL FOR Admin S Burial	torage	1.00	1.00	500.0
INF54	paving for G.O.R.	1,775.40	1,775.40	1,775.4
MEQP12	Cemetery Bier X 1	1.00	1.00	1,500.0
TOTAL FOR Burial Ceremonial		1,776.40	1,776.40	3,275.4
CER12	Mace X 1	1.00	1.00	70,000.0
CER13	Mace Case X 1	2,336.00	2,336.00	2,500.0
CER14	Mace Bearers Robes X 1	1.00	1.00	650.0
CER16	Mayors Chain X 1	1.00	1.00	5,500.0
CER17	Mayors Robe X 1	1.00	1.00	1,000.0
CER18	Mayor's Robe, Original X 1	1.00	1.00	1,400.0
CER19	Mayors Consort Medallion	1.00	1.00	700.0
CER20	Deputy Mayors medallion on red ribbon	1.00	1.00	700.0
CER21	Mayoress's dual sectioned floral design link chain	1.00	1.00	4,750.0
CER24	Signet Ring X 1	1.00	1.00	500.0
CER28	Town Clerk's Robe X 1	1.00	1.00	900.0
CER30	Large Wood Town Crest (Shield) Buckingham Swan X 1	1.00	1.00	1,000.0
CER31	Town Crier's Robe X 1	1.00	1.00	850.0
CER35	Town Clerks Wig	491.45	491.45	850.0
TOTAL FOR Ceremon Changing room furni		2,839.45	2,839.45	91,300.0
FRN43	Changing room furniture - benches and hooks X 1	3,999.00	3,999.00	3,999.0
TOTAL FOR Changin Council Events	g room furniture	3,999.00	3,999.00	3,999.00
MEQP02	Buckingham Town Council Traffic Cones X 130	1,105.00	1,105.00	1,105.00
MEQP03	Yellow Road Information Signs X 8	1.00	1.00	640.00
MEQP04	Diverted Trafic Signs X 14	1.00	1.00	980.00
MEQP05	Road Closed Signs X 18	1.00	1.00	1,260.00
MEQP06	Metal Barriers X 28	1.00	1.00	1,400.00
MEQP21	No waiting traffic cones X 100	676.00	676.00	676.00
TOTAL FOR Council Council Meetings/Ro		1,785.00	1,785.00	6,061.0
FRN17	Large Boardroom Table X 1	1.00	1.00	10,000.0
FRN18	Chairman's Chair X 1	1.00	1.00	1,800.0
FRN19	Boardroom Chairs X 16	1.00	1.00	12,000.0
FRN20	Boardroom Chairs X 2	1.00	1.00	200.0
FRN22	Queen Ann Chairs X 8	1.00	1.00	1,250.0
FRN30	Small two drawer table X 1	1.00	1.00	550.0
TOTAL FOR Council		6.00	6.00	25,800.0

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14:00	ASSET LIST BY GROUP NA	ME		User: JODIE
OEQP04	Projector - Epson EMP795 X 1	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
OEQP07	Interactive Wireless screens X 2	4,030.00	4,030.00	4,030.00
TOTAL FOR Council mee	etings/roomhire	5,180.00	5,180.00	5,180.00
CER33	Cannon X 1	1.00	1.00	2,350.00
CER34	Swan Girl Statue X 1	1.00	1.00	24,000.00
TOTAL FOR Decorative Deeds		2.00	2.00	26,350.00
BLD02	East Chapel A	213,000.00	213,000.00	369,072.00
BLD03	West Chapel B	169,000.00	169,000.00	290,784.00
BLD04	Tennis Pavilion	63,000.00	63,000.00	351,600.00
BLD05	Bowls Pavilion	307,000.00	307,000.00	880,800.00
BLD06	Chandos Park Toilets	189,000.00	189,000.00	332,400.00
BLD14	Depot, 12&17 Hillcrest Way	190,000.00	190,000.00	439,200.00
BLD16	Cemetery Lodge	256,000.00	256,000.00	458,544.00
TOTAL FOR Deeds	Centerery Louge	1,387,000.00	1,387,000.00	3,122,400.00
Dog Bins		1,307,000.00	1,367,000.00	3,122,400.00
ENV09	Dog bins X 32	1.00	1.00	4,640.00
TOTAL FOR Dog Bins Eviromental		1.00	1.00	4,640.00
MEQP41	Brushcutters x 2	815.00	815.00	815.00
MEQP42	Water Bowser THBW 70L	1,146.70	1,146.70	0.00
TOTAL FOR Eviromental Fire Safety Regulations		1,961.70	1,961.70	815.00
INF52	Internal Fire doors	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
MISC10	Fire Extinguisher-red X 2	1.00	1.00	0.00
TOTAL FOR Fire Safety F	Regulations	2,217.00	2,217.00	2,216.00
Functions				
MISC20	Prima Plus folding chair - Charcoal X 100	1,571.00	1,571.00	1,571.00
MISC21	Mogo Chair Trolley X 4	745.00	745.00	745.00
MISC22	Table bundle 19 tables and one trolley X 1	872.00	872.00	872.00
MISC27	Flexitable deluxe (folding) 1600 x 800 beech table X 10	1,490.00	1,490.00	1,490.00
MISC28	Austin chair, chrome frame padded seat burgundy X 20	579.00	579.00	579.00
TOTAL FOR Functions Furniture		5,257.00	5,257.00	5,257.00
FRN47	Meeting room table and chairs	915.83	915.83	915.83
FRN48	Partition and blinds	4,715.00	4,715.00	4,715.00
FRN49	Wooden Blinds	1,033.33	1,033.33	0.00
FRN50	Meeting Room Furniture	1,916.00	1,916.00	0.00
TOTAL FOR Furniture Gift		8,580.16	8,580.16	5,630.83
CER06	Copeland statues X 1	1.00	1.00	250.00
CER32	Bugle -The Rifles 10/5/2009 X 1	1.00	1.00	400.00
TOTAL FOR Gift Health & Safety	-	2.00	2.00	650.00
ENV02	Waste Bins X 8	1.00	1.00	1,100.00
ENV04	Bins X 11	1.00	1.00	2,420.00
ENV05	Dog bins X 5	1.00	1.00	500.00
ENV08	Bins - mesh green waste bins X 3	1.00	1.00	600.00
TOTAL FOR Health & Saf	-	4.00	4.00	4,620.00
TOTAL FOR HEARING SAI		4.00	4.00	4,020.00

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14:00 ASSET LIST BY GROUP NAME User: JODIE

Asset Code	Description	Original Cost	Current Value	Insurance Value
Information				
INF03	Information Board X 1	1.00	1.00	2,000.00
INF04	Notice Board (For posters) X 1	1.00	1.00	2,000.00
INF14	Notice Boards X 3	1.00	1.00	6,000.00
INF30	Noticeboard/Information Board X 1	1.00	1.00	2,000.00
SGN11	Finger Posts X 2	1.00	1.00	4,000.00
SGN12	Town Entrance Signs X 7	1.00	1.00	7,000.00
SGN18	Finger Post	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
TOTAL FOR Information Infrastructure		1,326.00	1,326.00	24,320.00
INF20	Bridge X 5	1.00	1.00	180,000.00
INF22	Photovoltaic solar panel sytem	20,100.00	20,100.00	0.00
INF41	CCTV wireless	11,500.00	11,500.00	0.00
INF49	Gates at Lace Hill Playground	3,097.00	3,097.00	3,097.00
INF50	Recyled Plastic Bins x 7	1,391.00	1,391.00	1,391.00
INF51	Toddler park Secure Fencing	13,966.00	13,966.00	13,966.00
INF53	Lighting	1,112.00	1,112.00	1,112.00
INF57	Curved Wooden Bench	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
TOTAL FOR Infrastructul Interior	re	54,767.00	54,767.00	199,566.00
FRN29	Carpets X 3	1.00	1.00	500.00
FRN46	Blinds X 3	515.00	515.00	515.00
TOTAL FOR Interior LGA 1948 S133		516.00	516.00	1,015.00
BLD11	War memorial	42,000.00	42,000.00	54,304.76
TOTAL FOR LGA 1948 S LHSCC Co-ordinator	133	42,000.00	42,000.00	54,304.76
EQP28	HP Probook X 1	539.00	539.00	539.00
TOTAL FOR LHSCC Co-C	ordinator	539.00	539.00	539.00
Leisure				
BLD01	Youth Shelter X 1	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
INF05	Bench - Wood and metal X 8	1.00	1.00	8,000.00
INF06	Picnic Bench X 4	1.00	1.00	4,000.00
INF11	Public Toilet Fixtures/Fittings X 1	1.00	1.00	2,000.00
INF12	Benches X 30	1.00	1.00	30,000.00
INF13	Picnic Tables X 16	1.00	1.00	16,000.00
INF18	Interpretation Board X 3	1.00	1.00	2,000.00
INF19	Otters Wood Art X 3	1.00	1.00	1,800.00
INF24	Bench (North End Court) X 1	1.00	1.00	1,000.00
INF25	Concrete Flower Beds X 6	1.00	1.00	30,000.00
INF26	Flower Beds (by post office) X	1.00	1.00	3,000.00
INF27	Feeder pillers X 11  Bench X 7	1,763.00 1.00	1,763.00	16,000.00
INF29			1.00	7,000.00 848.00
INF31	Brompton Picnic Unit X 1	848.00	848.00	
INF37 INF38	Bins X 2 Benches X 6	1.00 1.00	1.00 1.00	1,900.00 5,000.00
INF40	Benches X 2	1.00	1.00	1,800.00
INF46	Icicle Lights X Various	9,645.00	9,645.00	9,645.00
MISC13	-	9,645.00	9,645.00	9,645.00 32,582.86
MISC14	Christmas Lights X Various  New Christmas Lights X 45	675.00	675.00	32,582.86 675.00
PEQP01	Tennis Courts X 1	1.00	1.00	25,000.00
PEQP02	Ken Liverseidge multi use games area X 1	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
PEQP03	Play Equipment X 8	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00

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14:00 User: JODIE **ASSET LIST BY GROUP NAME** Asset Code Description **Original Cost Current Value** Insurance Value PEOP04 Senior Play Equipment X 21 100,540.00 100,540.00 100,540.00 PEQP05 Toddler Play Equipment X 6 1.00 1.00 50,000.00 PEQP06 Play Equiipment x 8 1.00 1.00 75.000.00 30,585.00 30,585.00 PFQP07 Play Equipment X Various 30 585 00 PEQP10 Play Equipment X 8 1.00 1.00 55,000.00 PEQP11 Play Equipment X 6 1 00 1.00 500.00 **TOTAL FOR Leisure** 272.076.00 272.076.00 637.875.86 Main Printer/Scanner/Copier EQP03 Sharp Copier/Printer - MX3060 X 1 1.00 1.00 0.00 **TOTAL FOR Main Printer/Scanner/Copier** 1.00 1.00 0.00 **Maintanance Equipment** MEQP24 Wessex Trailed Spreader 500mm Hitch - fertizer spreader 797.00 797.00 797.00 MFQP25 Dennis Guildford Gang set - mower X 1 2,750.00 2,750.00 2,750.00 MEQP30 Logic LTA 160 Terr-ator Airator X 1 2.075.00 2.075.00 2.075.00 MEQP39 Numatic TGB 4045 Battery Powered Scrubber/Drier X 1 2,111.00 2,111.00 2,111.00 **TOTAL FOR Maintanance Equipment** 7.733.00 7.733.00 7.733.00 Market MEQP08 Plastic Barriers X 20 1.00 1.00 1,000.00 **TOTAL FOR Market** 1.00 1.00 1.000.00 Noticeboard INF33 A-max notice board 18xA4 X 1 567.00 567.00 567.00 **TOTAL FOR Noticeboard** 567.00 567.00 567.00 Office Equipment OEQP10 Inspiron 15 5000 Laptops x 4 2,186.68 2,186.68 2,186.68 OEQP11 dell inspiron 15 3000 x 2 0.00 1,012.00 1,012.00 QEQP 2,181.80 Movable Screen Lift x 2 2,181.80 2,181.80 QEQP12 Dell Inspiron 15 5000 laptop 529.00 529.00 529.00 **TOTAL FOR Office Equipment** 5,909.48 5.909.48 4.897.48 **Outdoor Grounds Keeping** MEQP01 Pressure Washer X 1 587.00 587.00 600.00 Dennis Mower & dsiks RT Machinary 5400 X 1 5,400.00 5,400.00 6,600.00 MFQP13 MEQP14 Cordless Power Tools (set) X 3 1.00 1.00 700.00 MEQP15 Burial Equipment X 1 2.478.00 2.478.00 2,478.00 MEQP34 Strimmers FS100 X 7 3,290.00 3,290.00 3,290.00 MEQP35 Strimmers FS360 X 2 1,140.00 1,140.00 1,140.00 MEQP36 Husquvana LB553s Push mowers X 2 1,270.00 1,270.00 1,270.00 MEQP37 Viking MB4RT push mowers X 7 2,730.00 2,730.00 2,730.00 Stihl MS 241 Chainsaw X 1 560.00 MEOP38 560.00 560.00 MEQP40 Kohler Mulch Mower 520.00 520 00 520 00 VEC01 Quad Bike & Ifor Williams Trailer - Honda 4510 X 1 4,510.00 4 510 00 5,000.00 VEC03 Mitsubishi L200 X 1 15,145.00 15,145.00 15,145.00 VEC04 Kubota ride-on mower - B031 X 1 12,495.00 12,495.00 12,495.00 VEC05 Renault Kangoo X Various 13.995.00 13.995.00 13.995.00 **TOTAL FOR Outdoor Grounds Keeping** 64,121.00 64,121.00 66,523.00 **Personal and Cemetry Records** FRN08 Fire Safe X 1 1.000.00 1.000.00 1.000.00 **TOTAL FOR Personal and Cemetry Records** 1,000.00 1,000.00 1,000.00 **Play Equipment** MEQP43 Toddler Play Unit 9.886.80 9.886.80 9.886.80 PEQP8 24'x8' Aluminium socketed goals X 1 542.00 542.00 542.00 PEQP13 Toddler Play Equipment 120,300.00 120,300.00 0.00

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14:00	ASSET LIST BY GROUP	NAME		User: JODIE
Asset Code	Description	Original Cost	Current Value	Insurance Value
TOTAL FOR Play Ed	quipment	130,728.80	130,728.80	10,428.80
INF07	Street Lights X 9	1.00	1.00	12,000.00
INF21	Gates X 4	1.00	1.00	16,000.00
INF23	Metal Entrance Gate X 1	1.00	1.00	2,000.00
INF28	CCTV movable camera X 1	4,530.00	4,530.00	4,530.00
TOTAL FOR Securit	ty	4,533.00	4,533.00	34,530.00
SGN14	Play Area sign X 1	724.00	724.00	724.00
SGN16	LHSCC sign building external X 1	3,050.00	3,050.00	3,050.00
TOTAL FOR Signag Standard Town Cou		3,774.00	3,774.00	3,774.00
FRN01	Curved work stations (with built in draws) X 8	1.00	1.00	2,500.00
TOTAL FOR Standa Storage Area	rd Town Council Work Spaces	1.00	1.00	2,500.00
FRN42	Bespoke Mesh Enclosure X 1	585.00	585.00	585.00
INF01	Alarm System X 1	1.00	1.00	500.00
INF35	Storage Racking X 1	1,057.00	1,057.00	1,057.00
TOTAL FOR Storage Street Furniture	e Area	1,643.00	1,643.00	2,142.00
INF32	Memorial bench X 6	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
INF44	Cast Iron Bench - B027 X 1	665.00	665.00	665.00
INF45	3 x information panels X 5	4,775.00	4,775.00	4,775.00
INF55	Litterbin 50 ltr	534.30	534.30	0.00
INF56	Metal Bench	561.65	561.65	0.00
MISC34	Printed Banners x 13	1,852.50	1,852.50	0.00
SGN17	Finger Posts, finials, fingers X 1	3,529.00	3,529.00	3,529.00
TOTAL FOR Street I		14,617.45	14,617.45	11,669.00
OEQP08	4 x laptops; TC, DTC, Planning & EM X 4	2,666.00	2,666.00	2,666.00
OEQP09	2 x laptops (GSS, Admin) X 2	832.00	832.00	832.00
TOTAL FOR Town O		3,498.00	3,498.00	3,498.00
VEC06	Isuzu Tipper (elec) RK72 HZG	30,883.00	30,883.00	30,883.00
TOTAL FOR Vehicle	es	30,883.00	30,883.00	30,883.00
BLD12	Main Fire Doors X 5	1.00	1.00	750.00
TOTAL FOR I		1.00	1.00	750.00

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**TOTAL** 

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## **Annual Internal Audit Report 2023/24**

#### **Buckingham Town Council**

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**During** the financial year ended 31 March 2024, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2023/24 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	Yes		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Yes		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	Yes		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	Yes		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	Yes		
F. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all petty cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	Yes		
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	Yes		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	Yes		
I. Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	Yes		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipt and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	Yes		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2022/23, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2022/23 AGAR tick "not covered")			N/A
L. The authority published the required information on a website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the relevant legislation.			N/A
M. In the year covered by this AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2023-24 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2022-23 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	Yes		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2022/23 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	Yes		

O. (For local councils only)		Yes	No	Not applicable
	The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.			N/A

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).

Date(s) internal audit undertaken

Name of person who carried out the internal audit

26/04/2023 13/11/2023

Kevin Rose ACMA- IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

Date

\*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

\*\*Note; If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

11/05/2024

# Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

We acknowledge as the members of:

### **BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, that:

	Agre	ed	
	Yes	No*	'Yes' means that this authority:
We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	<b>/</b>		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	<b>V</b>		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.			has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	V.		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
<ol><li>We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.</li></ol>	<b>V</b>		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.		Property of the second	responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	<b>V</b>		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

•••	Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where			
meeting of the authority on:	approval	was given:		
and recorded as minute reference:	Chair			
and recorded as mindre research.	Clerk			
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# Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2023/24 for

# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

	Year end	ding	Notes and guidance			
	31 March 2023 £	31 March 2024 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.			
Balances brought forward	739,530	646,604	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.			
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	942,773	1,164,561	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.			
3. (+) Total other receipts	185,973	358,673	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.			
4. (-) Staff costs	641,536	685,696	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.			
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	4,702	4,702	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).			
6. (-) All other payments	575,434	631,187	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).			
7. (=) Balances carried forward	646,604	848,253	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year, Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).			
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	628,163	887,607	To agree with bank reconciliation.			
Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	2,256,501	2,385,031	31 March.			
10. Total borrowings	44,585	41,858	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).			

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	N/A	
11a. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	The second of th			The Council, as a body corporate, acts as sole trustee and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
11b. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)			7	The figures in the accounting statements above exclude any Trust transactions.

Loertify that for the year ended 31 March 2024 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities - a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being

presented to the authority for approval

Date

06/06/2014

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

as recorded in minute reference:

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

# **Buckingham Town Council** Financial Year 2023-24



#### **Year End Internal Audit Observations**

Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for

N	. Audit Test	Response	Observation	Recommendation	Priority	Comments
:	If the Council receives income under leases is the income being received as required?	Yes	It was noted that there is variation on income recorded on Cemetery Lodge. This is due to income being recorded net of any maintenance costs.	The Council to note that income should be recorded gross. Any maintenance costs should be separately recorded as items of expenditure and should not be netted off against income.	Medium	Assistant RFO will record the full income in an income code and then record any expenditure (deducted at source by agent) in an expenditure code.

Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.

No.	Audit Test	Response	Observation	Recommendation	Priority	Comments
1	Salaries and wages payable to staff have been appropriately approved and confirmed in writing.	Yes	It was noted that the letter issued to one member of staff in March 2023 stated the wrong annual pay (the actual amount paid was, however, correct)	Council to note	Low	Typing error noted. Corrected letter to be sent.
2	The Council has published the details of Members Allowances paid in accordance with Regulation 15 (3) of Members Allowances Regulations 2003.	Yes	As at the date of the year end audit visit the Council had not published the listing of Members Allowances on its website. This was done during the audit visit.	The Council should put in place a process to verify that all documents which are required to be published by regulation are promptly posted on the Council website.	Medium	Compliance Manager is to issue the list of items to be published on the website to the Web Administrator annually. Twice yearly web audit will be completed.

#### H Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.

No	Audit Test	Response	Observation	Recommendation	Priority	Comments
1	Assets purchased / disposed of have been added to / removed from asset register	Yes	It was noted that some play equipment purchased during the year had been included in the asset register at a nominal cost of £1 rather that at acquisition cost.	The Council to review the value recorded in its asset register for the play equipment and, if appropriate, make an adjustment to the recorded value of assets prior to the approval of the Accounting Statements.	High	This will be adjusted as per the recommendations and presented to and agreed by Council before the Accounting Statements have been approved.

#### Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.

No.	Audit Test	Response	Observation	Recommendation	Priority	Comments
1	Cash floats & balances are supported with cashier's certificate (Year End)	No	Cash floats & balances are not supported with a cashier's certificate confirming the actual cash balance held.	Cash balances held at year end should be supported with a cash statement stating the denomination and value of cash held. This should be signed and date by the cash custodian, and an independent person.	Medium	This will be completed after each reconciliation going forward. It will be authorised by the VC of Resources after each reconciliation.
2	There are no unexplained balancing entries in any reconciliation (Year End)	Yes	It was noted that there were uncleared BACS payments recorded on the year end bank reconciliation. It is understood these had been authorised but were pending clearance as at the 31st March 2024. (It is possible that these may be subject to further query from the External Auditor).	Council to note.	Low	RFO will send a brief note of explanation, along with the bank reconciliation, to the external auditor
3	Year End Cash balances have been subject to independent confirmation	No	Year End Cash balances have not been subject to independent confirmation	See Observation I(1) above.	Medium	Reconciliation was signed by VC of Resources, however the reconciliation was not supported by a signed cash statement. As above this will be rectified for future reconciliations.