Bishopstoke Parish Council

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Response to Internal Audit report – April 2026

A full copy of the internal audit report has been made available on the Council website and emailed to all Councillors. The recommendations of the auditor and the proposed response from the Council are listed below.

Audit Point	Audit Findings	Council comments
Digital and Data Compliance	**It is recommended that the council updates it's existing policies and carries out a data audit**	Relevant policies are being reviewed in May. The data audit will be conducted in the first three months of the Council year.
Digital and Data Compliance	**It was recommended to change emails from org to .gov.uk at the council's earliest convenance.**	This is now being actively worked on.
Financial Regulations, Governance and Payments	**It is recommended that an accessibility statement is also added to the home page of the website.**	This will be done.
Risk Management and Insurance	**It is recommended that additional checks are implemented to mitigate fidelity risk and that consideration is given to using a banking provider where transaction initiation and authorisation must be performed by different individuals**	The best distribution of council funds along with the specific security measures offered by different providers will be investigated in the first part of the Council year, with recommendations being put to the Finance Committee as soon as possible.