Bishopstoke Parish Council

Listening to you

Response to Interim Internal Audit report – December 2025

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
Website	**It is recommended that an accessibility statement is added to the home page of the website.**	This will be done.
Invoicing	**Where Council or a Committee is asked to approved specific spending, it is recommended that the amount shown on the invoice be included in the minutes .**	This will be done.
Banking	**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.**	Alternative banking arrangements will be investigated by the RFO as part of the ongoing work into diversifying the Council's funds.
VAT	**It is recommended that VAT returns are carried out on a quarterly basis.**	This will be done.
Banking	**It is recommended that the council consider alternatives that may provide a higher interest rate.**	Alternative banking arrangements will be investigated by the RFO as part of the ongoing work into diversifying the Council's funds.