

То:	Members of the Town Council
Meeting Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Subject:	Public Questions
From:	Member of the Public

#### For Information:

Members are referred to the 'Public Questions Policy' which is available on the Town Council website.

#### Questions received from a Member of the Public.

From: REDACTED

Sent: 11 December 2024 14:32

To: Clerk @ Middlewich Town Council < clerk@middlewich.org.uk >

Subject: Public Question Time

Could I please submit a question to be included in public question time at the next full Town Council meeting on the 16th December.

The latest announcement from central government is their commitment to building 1.5m new houses nationally over the term of this parliament. Can I please ask:

- 1: What is the allocation of new builds for Cheshire East?
- 2: More specifically, what is the allocation for Middlewich, and how does that compare to the more "affluent" areas of CE such as Alderley Edge, Wilmslow, Knutsford etc?
- 3: Is a neighbourhood plan likely to mitigate any decisions that might be considered detrimental to Middlewich, and if so, isn't it of the utmost importance that a NP is put in place without delay?
- 4: Most residents concerns about newbuilds centre around the lack of corresponding infrastructure. Would a comprehensive neighbourhood plan address these concerns?

There are many more nuances to the above questions, but I appreciate that question time is limited, so have tried to confine them as much as possible to hopefully simple answers.



То:	Members of the Town Council
Meeting Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Subject:	RFO Report
Report Author:	Interim Town Clerk & RFO

## **Purpose of Report:**

To provide members an update on Financial Matters.

# **Updates on Financial Matters:**

## 1) Christmas Stall Refunds

Due to Storm Bertie and the Council having to adjust their Christmas Event plans; traders were offered a 75 % refund of the pitch fee if they cancelled before 10.00am the day before the event. The traders were offered 75% refund due to the 25% referral fee that had been paid to JDL Mini Markets. These rates were agreed in consultation with the Mayor. The remaining traders were relocated to the Victoria Hall.

A total of 10 traders have requested a refund. This included 9 who had booked a stall/pitch and one food vendor. Everyone paid  $\pounds 50.00$  except the food vendor who paid  $\pounds 150.00$ , see breakdown below. The refunds have been added to the bank account and details are pending for 3 traders.

	Stall Name	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Refund Amount	Refund Date	Bank Details Rec'd	Ref
1	Tom Tree Farm	£50.00	17.10.24	£37.50	15.12.24	Yes	Refund- 23/11-Stall
2	Sparkle Sisters	£50.00	04.11.24	£37.50 15.12.25		Yes	Refund- 23/11-Stall
3	Crafty Ale Company	£50.00	08.11.24	£37.50			
4	Crafty Paddler	£50.00	10.10.24	£37.50	15.12.25	Yes	Refund- 23/11-Stall
5	Suepar Jewellery	£50.00	21.10.24	£37.50	15.12.25	Yes	Refund- 23/11-Stall
6	Born to Bake You	£50.00	04.11.24	£37.50			
7	The Crumble Hut	£50.00	12.11.24	£37.50	15.12.25	Yes	Refund- 23/11-Stall
8	Donuts - Sweet Dreams	£50.00	12.11.24	£37.50	15.12.25	Yes	Refund- 23/11-Stall
9	RGFC Ltd	£150.00	06.11.24	£112.50	15.12.25	Yes	Refund- 23/11-Xmas
10	Adored Creations	£50.00	29.10.24	£37.50			

# 2) Elevon Card Payments & Contract with Take Payments

Take Payments have been in touch regarding the closure of the account. It has been highlighted that there is an outstanding liability on the account for the monthly hire charges of the machine going back to 2022. The customer advisor confirmed that the direct debit was set-up at the time the account was opened and for some reason it was cancelled by the Town Council. Although Take Payment have been sending invoices, showing that the amount will be deducted via direct debit; it has not been deducted from the bank account.

A request has been submitted to the company for a copy of the outstanding invoices and a copy of the customer account statement. The liability is around the sum of £500.00. This amount will need to be settled prior to the company closing the accounts and arranging for the machines to be returned. The machines have been unplugged and stored in the Council Office.

# 3) Casual Bar Manager

The Casual Bar Manager vacancy has been filled. An induction was carried out on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. A copy of the cash handling policy was signed and copies of the Financial Regulations and associated paperwork and training provided on the financial administration following bar events. The key fobs were re-assigned and void functions are only available to the Bar Manager and the Town Council Manager key fobs. Keys, fobs and security codes allocated to the employee were signed and retained on file. A bar event was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The bar float of £300.00 + petty cash float of £100.00 in the bar was counted and verified.

#### 4) DOJO Card Machine

This was delivered in the last week and the account is up and running. It is linked to the bank account ending in 996. The consultant from the till company attended on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and integrated the machine with the till. The new Casual Bar Manager was present and received training. It has been demonstrated that the card terminal machine can be unlinked from the till by selecting an option. This allows the card machine to be used for other uses. IT would require a z read to be printed and then the card machine can be linked back to the till.

# 5) Cloud Software – EPOS Terminal

The account has been set-up and is due to be activated.

#### 6) Room Booking Software & New Hire Charges

The back-log of transferring the bookings onto the new software is completed for all the regular users. All bookings have been booked based on the prices previously agreed. Regular users have been informed that the new prices will apply when they submit their next block-booking form. Some hall hirers are continuing to pay into the account ending 5014 although being advised and informed via the invoices to make payments to the account ending in 996.

#### 7) Bar - Professional Stock-Take

The second stock-take has been carried out (to be considered at agenda item 9)

8) Upgrade of Town Hall Intercom System & Handsets

Following the resolution of the last full council meeting, there quotations were obtained:

Quote 1 - £3,193.28 Quote 2 - £3,837.79 Quote 3 - £5,980.00

Quotation 1 was accepted in consultation with the Mayor.

All three companies were provided with the following specification:

Scope of work: To upgrade the existing intercom system and replace with full video intercom system including all outstations and receivers.

- 1. Reception Front Desk
- 2. Meeting Room 1
- 3. Office 3A Town Council Office
- 4. Office 3B Town Clerk Office
- 5. Room 4
- 6. Meeting Room 5
- 7. Room 7/8
- 8. Room 9
- 9. Room 11
- 10. Room 12

#### Specification

- X1 Door Station Video Module
- X1 Display Module & Surface Mounting Kit
- X1 Rain Shield (includes 2 module surface mounts)
- X1 12 port PoE Switch
- X1 10 video intercom indoor station
- Device installation, set-up, and commissioning including labour + parts

The work was carried out on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December. An additional intercom was ordered which was charged at additional cost of £122.99 which was a discounted rate. This is to be fitted in the Caretaker office where this is already an old handset which would require the upgrade.

9) Christmas Seniors Dinner – over 70's

Cllr Mary Monroe has requested that arrangements are made to organise this dinner which the council has historically held. In consultation with the Town Mayor, permission was granted to proceed with the planning. The council is requested to authorise the costs of upto £500.00 for this event. This will be met by the budget in code 4163-301 'Events – over 70's party'. This budget line is showing funds of £782 that are currently available.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) That the RFO report be received and noted.
- 2) That the council proceeds with the over 70's Christmas Dinner in the new year and that the costs be met from the 'Events over 70's party' budget line.

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	Creditors for Mon	th No 8		Order by Ref No							Invoices entered by STEVE Posted by STEVE
						Nominal Ledger Analysis					
Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description
01/11/2024	SEPT	2610	PRISM	PRI001	264.69	52.94	317.63	4112	103	264.69	DD Telecoms Sep 24
01/01/2024	NOV 24 VAN TAX	2611	DVLA	DVLA001	28.00	0.00	28.00	4251	405	28.00	Nov 24 van tax
01/11/2024	RM 9 NOV RATES	2612	CEC	CHE001	170.00	0.00	170.00	4101	309	170.00	dd rm 9 nov rates
04/11/2024	04 NOV	2613	XLN	XLN001	54.90	10.98	65.88	4132	103	54.90	Hall Internet
04/11/2024	04 NOV	2614	BARCLAYS	BAR002	8.50	0.00	8.50	4104	101	8.50	bank charges
				TOTAL INVOICES	526.09	63.92	590.01		-	526.09	
			VAT ANALYSISCO	DE S @ 20.00%	319.59	63.92	383.51				
			VAT ANALYSISCO	DE Z @ 0.00%	206.50	0.00	206.50				

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DD STORES NOV/2615/Cheshire Ea	127.00	309	4101	127.00	0.00	127.00	CHE001	CEC	2615	DD STORES NOV	15/11/2024	
DD RM 10 RATES NOV/2616/Chesh	212.00	309	4101	212.00	0.00	212.00	CHE001	CEC	2616	DD RM 10 RATES	15/11/2024	
RM 10 RATES DD NOV/2617/Chesh	177.00	309	4101	177.00	0.00	177.00	CHE001	CEC	2617	RM 10 RATES DD	15/11/2024	
DD RM 38 RATES NOV/2618/Chesh	82.00	309	4101	82.00	0.00	82.00	CHE001	CEC	2618	DD RM 38 RATES	15/11/2024	
DD RM1 RATES NOV/2619/Cheshire	75.00	309	4101	75.00	0.00	75.00	CHE001	CEC	2619	DD RM1 RATES	15/11/2024	
DD RM3A RATES	85.00	309	4101	85.00	0.00	85.00	CHE001	CEC	2620	DD RM3A RATES	15/11/2024	
DD HALL RATES NOV/2621/Cheshi	561.00	309	4101	561.00	0.00	561.00	CHE001	CEC	2621	DD HALL RATES	15/11/2024	
DD Fuel Card Ranger 11 nov	83.77	405	4140	100.52	16.75	83.77	FUELCARD	FUEL CARD	2622	9008469911	11/11/2024	
dd Metred Sewerage Nov 24	403.85	308	4106	403.85	0.00	403.85	WAT001	WATERPLUS	2623	6003012126	11/11/2024	
wastewater to 25/10	48.26	308	4106	48.26	0.00	48.26	WAT001	WATERPLUS	2624	7562445	11/11/2024	
DD Ranger Fuel 17 nov	68.57	405	4140	82.28	13.71	68.57	FUELCARD	FUEL CARD	2625	9008528894	17/11/2024	
	1,923.45	_		1,953.91	30.46	1,923.45	TAL INVOICES	ר				
				182.80	30.46	152.34	S @ 20.00%	VAT ANALYSISCODE				
				1,771.11	0.00	1,771.11	Z @ 0.00%	VAT ANALYSISCODE				

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Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description
20/11/2024	4056A7FF	2626	EDF	EDF001	489.72	97.94	587.66	4204	308	489.72	elec charge to 31 oct 24
21/11/2024	1FDA3E8D	2627	EDF	EDF001	995.80	199.16	1,194.96	4204	308	995.80	gas charge to 31 oct 24
25/11/2024	209111	2628	PRISM	PRI001	669.42	133.88	803.30	4132	103	669.42	DD IT Supportto30 nov 24
25/11/2024	17 NOV	2629	AMAZON	AMA001	140.22	28.06	168.28	4319	405	140.22	walkie talkies etc
26/11/2024	MOBILE P	2630	O2	O2B001	20.88	4.18	25.06	4132	103	20.88	DD Mobile Phone charges
28/11/2024	17603 PART 2	2631	HIPSWING	HIP001	1,547.50	309.50	1,857.00	4305	301	1,547.50	Stage PA Dep
29/11/2024	NOV MOWER	2632	BNP PARIBAS LEASING	BNP001	420.92	84.19	505.11	4251	405	420.92	DD Nov 24 Mower
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			T	OTAL INVOICES _	4,284.46	856.91	5,141.37		_	4,284.46	
			VAT ANALYSISCODE	S @ 20.00%	4,284.46	856.91	5,141.37				
				TOTALS	4,284.46	856.91	5,141.37				

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Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description	
17/11/2024	9008565250	2633	FUEL CARD	FUELCARD	55.05	11.01	66.06	4140	405	55.05	rangers fuel 17 nov	
				TOTAL INVOICES	55.05	11.01	66.06			55.05		
			VAT ANALYSISCODI	S @ 20.00%	55.05	11.01	66.06					
				TOTALS	55.05	11.01	66.06					

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Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description		
08/11/2024	32186ERROR	2609	RBS	RIA001	-1,925.67	0.00	-1,925.67	4018	103	-1,925.67	Room Book- PDB 2608 Error		
				TOTAL INVOICES		0.00	-1,925.67		_	-1,925.67			
			VAT ANALYSISCO	DE OTS @ 0.00%	-1,925.67	0.00	-1,925.67						
				TOTALS	-1,925.67	0.00	-1,925.67						

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Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description
31/10/2024	508621-ERROR	2634	SMARTEST	SMA001	-60.27	-12.05	-72.32	4319	405	-60.27	Rangers equip 1 ltr oil-ERROR
31/10/2024	508621	2635	RVT	RVT001	60.27	12.05	72.32	4319	405	60.27	rangers equip- 1ltr stroke oil
15/11/2024	REFUND	2636	CUSTOMER - J D	CUSTOMER	75.00	0.00	75.00	1029	306	75.00	Refund - Hall Hire 10.11.24
19/11/2024	830440	2637	WELLERS HEDLEYS	WEL001	1,750.00	350.00	2,100.00	4118	201	1,750.00	Fees-29.3.24-19.11.24-Cemetery
18/11/2024	11700259165	2638	ANSA	ANA001	105.91	21.18	127.09	4305	301	105.91	Xmas Event-x20 240ltr bins
20/11/2024	SD1711-1	2639	SLCC	SLCC	300.00	60.00	360.00	4013	101	300.00	X4 Wks advert-Clerk+Dep Clrk
26/11/2024	2824	2640	BLUEARROW	BTM001	1,255.00	251.00	1,506.00	4305	301	1,255.00	Xmas Event-Road closure
01/10/2024	3364	2641	VENUES	VEN001	30.00	0.00	30.00	4206	306	30.00	Venues4hire-x12 month access
21/11/2024	00001338	2642	ARC001	ARC001	740.00	0.00	740.00	4152	308	740.00	Annual Gas & Boiler Serv Certi
20/11/2024	INV-21249	2643	SIMPLY SIGNS	SIM001	625.00	125.00	750.00	4303	301	625.00	X3 Banners-xmas events+sponsrs
25/11/2024	97368	2644	ALPHA	ALP001	571.93	114.39	686.32	4305	301	571.93	Xmas Event-security
13/11/2024	2024-4	2645	MERESIDE BRASS	MERESIDE	250.00	0.00	250.00	4305	301	250.00	Xmas Switch on Event Performan
24/11/2024	2	2646	KHORIE GREIG	KHORIE GRE	100.00	0.00	100.00	4305	301	100.00	Photis-Xmas Evnt +videos
29/10/2024	422021	2647	WEAVER BUSINESS	WEA001	32.83	5.75	38.58	4110	101	32.83	Print-copy chrges-oct-Nov 2024
28/11/2024	422523	2648	WEAVER BUSINESS	WEA001	70.32	12.30	82.62	4110	101	70.32	Print-copy chrges-Nov 2024
30/11/2024	62583	2649	INSTANT TOOL PLANT H	INSTANT	235.00	47.00	282.00	4305	301	235.00	x2 portaloos x1 disabled
15/12/2024	SI-25	2651	DANDATA	DANDATA	3,193.28	0.00	3,193.28	4131	308	3,193.28	Upgrde TH Intercom+10 handsets
13/12/2024	SI-27	2652	DANDATA	DANDATA	122.29	0.00	122.29	4131	308	122.29	TH intercom-x1 extra handset
13/12/2024	SI-26	2653	DANDATA	DANDATA	206.40	0.00	206.40	4153	308	206.40	CCTV-8TB Hard drive
25/11/2024	16180	2654	STOCK SPECIALIST SER	STOCK SPEC	150.00	30.00	180.00	4219	307	150.00	Bar Stock Audit - 25.11.24
27/11/2024	8075	2655	NORTHWICH	NOR002	569.00	113.80	682.80	4401	325	569.00	Contr-xmas tree-St Lukes Hospi
27/11/2024	8056	2656	NORTHWICH	NOR002	9,178.00	1,835.60	11,013.60	4401	325	3,058.00	30ft X-mas tree+ass'costs
								4290	325	6,120.00	Xmas Lights-PO 35-apprv FC
27/11/2024	8057	2657	NORTHWICH	NOR002	3,050.00	610.00	3,660.00	4290	325	3,050.00	Repairs to xmas lights-PO43
			_	-	00.000.00	0.570.00	00.405.00		-	00.000.00	
				TOTAL INVOICES _	22,609.96	3,576.02	26,185.98		_	22,609.96	

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			VAT ANALYSISCODE	OTS	@ 0.00%	4,716.97	0.00	4,716.97					
			VAT ANALYSISCODE	S	@ 20.00%	17,789.84	3,557.97	21,347.81					
			VAT ANALYSISCODE	SOR	@ 17.50%	103.15	18.05	121.20					

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Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Supplier A/c Code	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	A/C	Centre	Amount	Analysis Description
31/10/2024	602661	2658	DIY MIDDLEWICH	MID001	19.42	3.88	23.30	4251	405	19.42	Town ranger DIY-inv 602661
30/11/2024	604288	2659	DIY MIDDLEWICH	MID001	105.09	21.02	126.11	4251	405	19.86	DIY-Hose + Hose connector
								4251	405	54.70	DIY-batteries + bulbs
								4251	405	5.98	DIY-cable ties
								4305	301	24.55	DIY-x2 LED torches+batteries
09/12/2024	465	2660	STEVE DURRANDS	STEVE DURR	300.00	0.00	300.00	4133	312	300.00	09.12.24-Acc Support on site
05/12/2024	05122024	2661	FRIENDS	FRI001	34.41	0.00	34.41	4170	102	34.41	Breakfast with Santa-Mayor
05/12/2024	NA	2662	REFUND	REFUND	37.50	0.00	37.50	1050	301	37.50	Tom Tree Farm75% Stall Refund
05/12/2024	04.11.2024	2663	REFUND	REFUND	37.50	0.00	37.50	1050	301	37.50	Sparkle Sisters-xmas stall ref
05/12/2024	10.10.24	2664	REFUND	REFUND	37.50	0.00	37.50	1050	301	37.50	Crafty Paddler-Xmas stall refu
05/12/2024	21.10.24	2665	REFUND	REFUND	37.50	0.00	37.50	1050	301	37.50	Suepar Jewellery-Xmas refund
05/12/2024	12.11.24	2666	REFUND	REFUND	37.50	0.00	37.50	1050	301	37.50	Crumble Hut-xmas stall refund
05/12/2024	12.11.25	2667	REFUND	REFUND	37.50	0.00	37.50	1050	301	37.50	Sweet Dreams-xmas refund
05/12/2024	06.11.24	2668	REFUND	REFUND	112.50	0.00	112.50	1050	301	112.50	RGFC Ltd-xmas refund
				TOTAL INVOICES	796.42	24.90	821.32		_	796.42	
			VAT ANALYSISCOE	DE OTS @ 0.00%	671.91	0.00	671.91				
			VAT ANALYSISCO	DE S @ 20.00%	124.51	24.90	149.41				
				TOTALS		24.90	821.32				

# Middlewich Town Council Middlewich

23/10/24 to 25/11/24 33 days

STOCK AUDIT by



Professional stock auditors & valuers to the licensed & catering trades

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# **AUDIT REPORT**

HOUSE NAME: Middlewich Town Council

Middlewich

DATE : 25/11/24

STOCK SPECIALIST

REF : M03/001

STOCK AUDIT by SERVICES LTD

Tel: 07887 515033

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# **RESULT**

Liquor result . 89p surplus, Gross profit 54.8%

# **GENERAL**

Invoice as presented. Declared cash/card to tills agreed. Correction 2 retail value £6.80 Voids 4 retail value £19.10. No sales 4.

# STOCKHOLDI NG

Stock on hand £1319.31.

# **SUMMARY**

Variance report showing close matches from till to actual sales.

Prosecco not listed on plu variance report think it may have gone through as mini rose wine as a average selling price of £5.26 highlighted and selling price of prosecco should be £6.00 and rose wine £4.80.

Signed Auditor



to 25th November 2024 33 Days

STOCK SPECIALIST SERVICES LTD

Tel: 07887 515033

CATEGORY	Days Stock	Sales Ratio	Gross Profit%	Consumption at Cost	Estimated Receipts	Purchase Barrelage	Stock on Hand at Cost	Purchases at Cost	Credits at Cost		
SPIRITS FORTIFIED WINE TABLE WINE DRAUGHT BEER BOTTLED BEER CIDER ETC MINERALS CRISPS, NUTS, ETC	300+ 300+ 26 196 88 100 117 300+	10.9 30.1 29.4 5.9 4.6 18.9 0.2	77.8 56.9 50.7 24.6 60.1 58.0 38.0	17.07 91.45 101.83 31.22 12.93 55.81 0.78	92.32 *  254.40 * 248.00 * 49.70 * 38.90 * 159.28 * 1.50 *	0.24 0.14	308.68 3.52 71.15 606.23 82.91 39.16 197.59 10.08	39.38 133.04 76.68			
	140	100%	55.8	311.08	844.10 *	0.38	1319.31	249.11	0.00		
Notes	ALLOW	TMENTS  /ANCES	2.3	3% OF TAKINGS	0.00 * 844.10 *		ANALYSIS OF PURCHASES & CREDITS  Beer Trading 249.11 249.11				
NOTES REF: 001 AUDITOR: LW CURRENCY: £ VAT @ 20.0% * INCLUDING VAT GP% EXCLUDES VAT RATIO% AT SELLING	Price ad	aj		18.79 *	18.79 *						
					825.31 *						
	ESTIMA <sup>*</sup>	TED RECI	EIPTS	EXCL. VAT	687.76	ı					
	CONSU	MPTION A	T COST	EXCL. VAT	311.08						
54.8% PROFIT	ESTIMA <sup>*</sup>	TED GRO	SS PROFI	Γ EXCL. VAT -	376.68						
	ACTUAL	. RECEIPT	s	EXCL. VAT	688.50		TILL RECONCILIA	ATION (	.00 OVER		
	CONSU	MPTION A	T COST	EXCL. VAT	311.08		YIELD 97.9%	YTD YIELI	97.9%		
54.8% PROFIT	ACTUAL	GROSS	PROFIT	EXCL. VAT	377.42	Г	YEAR TO F	DATE FROM 23/1	0/24		
	ACTUAL	. RECEIPT	-S	INCL. VAT	826.20		TAKINGS Incl V/	AT 826.:	20		
	ESTIMA <sup>*</sup>	TED RECI	EIPTS	INCL. VAT	825.31		GROSS PROFIT				
0.1% OF SALES	RESULT	SURPLU	s	INCL. VAT	0.89		RESULT SURPL				

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Description	Size	Cost Price	Selling Price	Bar Price	Gross Profit%	Opening Stock	Purchases	Credits	Closing Stock	Sales	Sales at Selling	Days Stock
<u>SPIRITS</u>												
COURVOISIER	70	24.30	86.80	3.10	66.4	0.15			0.05	0.10	8.68	17
JULES CLARION	70	14.00	61.60*	4.40	72.7	0.75			0.75			300+
BACARDI	70	15.90	84.00	3.00	77.3	1.30			1.25	0.05	4.20	300+
MORGAN SPICED	70	13.27	84.00	3.00	81.0	0.30			0.30			300+
LAMBS	70	14.90	84.00	3.00	78.7	0.60			0.45	0.15	12.60	99
GIN HOUSE	150	23.61	132.00*	4.40	78.5	0.60			0.50	0.10	13.20	165
GORDONS PINK	70	12.85	89.60*	3.20	82.8	1.60			1.60			300+
GORDONS GIN	70	15.50	84.00	3.00	77.9	1.40			1.40			300+
GORDONS LEMON	70	12.85	89.60*	3.20	82.8	0.40			0.35	0.05	4.48	231
BELLS	70	14.20	84.00	3.00	79.7	0.60			0.60			300+
FAMOUS GROUSE	100	17.00	120.00	3.00	83.0	0.95			0.90	0.05	6.00	300+
HOUSE WHISKY	150	21.31	132.00*	4.40	80.6	0.75			0.70	0.05	6.60	300+
JACK DANIELS	70	19.77	86.80	3.10	72.7	1.10			1.05	0.05	4.34	300+
JAMESON	70	18.40	86.80	3.10	74.6	0.65			0.65			300+
SOUTHERN COMFORT	70	18.00	86.80	3.10	75.1	1.10			1.10			300+
SMIRNOFF	100	16.00	120.00	3.00	84.0	0.40			0.40			300+
VODKA HOUSE	150	21.00	132.00*	4.40	80.9	1.90			1.85	0.05	6.60	300+
PERNOD	70	18.44	86.80	3.10	74.5	0.80			0.65	0.15	13.02	143
LIQUOR 43	70	14.21	84.00	3.00	79.7	0.80			0.80	0.10	10.02	300+
MALIBU	70	12.55	84.00	3.00	82.1	0.40			0.25	0.15	12.60	55
PEACH SCHNAPPS	70 70	15.41	84.00	3.00		0.40			0.25	0.15	12.00	
					78.0							300+
SAMBUCA BLACK	70	17.19	84.00	3.00	75.4	0.25			0.25			300+
SAMBUCA WHITE	70	15.69	84.00	3.00	77.6	1.40			1.40			300+
SOURZ	70	6.50	47.60	1.70	83.6	0.70			0.70			300+
TEQUILA GOLD	70	14.65	84.00	3.00	79.1	0.80			0.80			300+
						19.85			18.90	0.95		
										ES AT SELL		2.32
										OSING AT C		8.68
FORTIFIED WINE									5	SALES AT C	OST 1	7.07
MARTINI DRY	75	8.80	45.00	3.00	76.5	0.40			0.40			300+
WATER DICT	7.0	0.00	10.00	0.00	7 0.0	0.40			0.40			0001
						0.40				ES AT SELL	INC	0.00
										DSING AT C		3.52 0.00
TABLE WINE									·	JALLO 711 O		0.00
HOUSE CHARDONAY	вот	5.86	15.00	15.00	53.1	3.00			3.00			300+
MINI WHITE	187	1.64*	4.80	4.80	59.0	32.00	24.00		19.00	37.00	177.60	17
MINI ROSE	187	1.60	4.80	4.80	60.0	15.00			14.00	1.00	4.80	300+
PROSECCO	200	2.54	6.00	6.00	49.2	12.00				12.00	72.00	
						62.00	24.00		36.00	50.00		
									SAL	ES AT SELL	.ING 25	4.40
										OSING AT C		1.15
										SALES AT C		1.45
DRAUGHT BEER										JALLO AT O	001 8	71.43
CARLSBERG 20LTR	GAL	13.14	35.20	4.40	55.2	6.6	4.4		10.8	0.2	7.04	300+
SAN MIGUEL 20LTR	GAL	15.90	38.40	4.80	50.3	22.0			20.6	1.4	53.76	300+
SHIPYARD 20 LTR	GAL	17.10	41.60	5.20	50.7	8.1	4.4		8.0	4.5	187.20	59
	J. 1.L			5.20	J J J J	36.7	8.8		39.4	6.1		
						JJ.,	0.0			ES AT SELL	ING 24	8.00
										OSING AT C		6.23
										SALES AT C		)1.82
BOTTLED BEER									•	MELO AT O	- I	. 1 .02
GUINNESS	520	25.00	49.20	4.10	39.0	0:7	2:0		1:2	1:5	69.70	27
MORETTI	330	14.14	51.60	4.30	67.1	0:4			0:4			300+
111	000	. 7 7	31.00	₹.50	07.1	0.7			0.4			3007

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Description	Size	Cost Price	Selling Price	Bar Price	Gross Profit%	Opening Stock	Purchases	Credits	Closing Stock	Sales	Sales at Selling	Days Stock
BOTTLED BEER Contd.												
PERONI	330	13.35*	51.60*	4.30	69.0		2:0		2:0			300+
PERONI 0%	330	10.59	27.60	2.30	54.0	0:4			0:2	0:2	4.60	33
SMIRNOFF ICE NRB	275	12.89	49.20	4.10	68.6	0:9			0:9			300+
WKD BLUE	275	11.91	49.20	4.10	71.0	0:5			0:11	-0:6	-24.60	300+
						2:5	4:0		5:4	1:1		
									SAL	ES AT SELI	_ING -	49.70
									CLC	OSING AT C	OST	82.91
									5	SALES AT C	OST :	31.22
CIDER ETC												
BULMERS	500	18.50	57.60	4.80	61.5	0:9			0:6	0:3	14.40	66
OLD MOUT	500	19.94	58.80	4.90	59.3	1:11			1:6	0:5	24.50	119
						2:8			2:0	0:8		
										ES AT SELI		38.90
									CLC	OSING AT C	OST :	39.16
									5	SALES AT C	OST	12.93
MINERALS												
BVC J20	275	8.69	27.60	2.30	62.2	0:2				0:2	4.60	
MIXERS TONIC/SL CAN	150	4.63	21.60*	1.80	74.3	2:2			1:8	0:6	10.80	110
MIXER DRY GINGER	125	6.30	21.60*	1.80	65.0	1:3			1:6	-0:3	-5.40	300+
BABY JUICES	125	5.37	22.80	1.90	71.7	0:11			0:6	0:5	9.50	40
CORDIAL	LTR	1.75	7.60*	0.38	72.4	1:5			0:7	0:10	6.33	23
POST COKE 5.4-1		11.08	26.88*	1.20	50.5	7:0			4:5	2:7	69.44	56
PM COKE DIET 5.4-1		10.20	26.88*	1.20	54.5	7:0			6:0	1:0	26.88	198
PM SCHW LEMONADE	LTR	11.10	37.13*	1.25	64.1	7:0			6:0	1:0	37.13	198
						26:11			20:8	6:3		
										ES AT SELI		59.28
										OSING AT C		97.59
CRISPS, NUTS, ETC									\$	SALES AT C	OST :	55.81
PRINGLES	DOZ	9.30	18.00	1.50	38.0	1:2			1:1	0:1	1.50	300+
						1:2			1:1	0:1		
										ES AT SELI		1.50
										OSING AT C		10.08
									5	SALES AT C	OST	0.78

FINAL TOTALS

LC 050

SALES AT SELLING 844.10 CLOSING AT COST 1319.31 SALES AT COST 311.08

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TILL PLU TO ACTUAL SALES COMPARISON

Item Code	Description	Size	Cost Price	Selling Price	Bar Price	Actual Consumption	Sales per Till PLU	Difference	OVER	Selling Price SHORT
	<u>SPIRITS</u>									
10081	COURVOISIER	70	24.30	86.80	3.10	3	3			
10141	JULES CLARION	70	14.00	61.60	4.40		1	1	4.40	
2251	BACARDI	70	15.90	84.00	3.00	1	2	1	3.00	
12810	LAMBS	70	14.90	84.00	3.00	4	4			
3053	GIN HOUSE	150	23.61	132.00	4.40	3	1	-2		8.80
3751	GORDONS GIN	70	15.50	84.00	3.00		1	1	3.00	
3755	GORDONS LEMON	70	12.85	89.60	3.20	1	3	2	6.40	
4161	FAMOUS GROUSE	100	17.00	120.00	3.00	2	1	-1		3.00
4461	HOUSE WHISKY	150	21.31	132.00	4.40	2	2			
4591	JACK DANIELS	70	19.77	86.80	3.10	1	3	2	6.20	
5892	VODKA HOUSE	150	21.00	132.00	4.40	2		-2		8.80
6661	PERNOD	70	18.44	86.80	3.10	4	5	1	3.10	
8811	MALIBU	70	12.55	84.00	3.00	4	6	2	6.00	
									32.10	20.60
			2.61	@ cost					20.60	
								SPIRITS		
								OVER	11.50	
	TABLE WINE									
0312	MINI WHITE	187	1.64	4.80	4.80	37	36	-1		4.80
0315	MINI ROSE	187	1.60	4.80	4.80	1	2	1	4.80	
0711	PROSECCO	200	2.54	6.00	6.00	12	12			
									4.80	4.80
			-0.04	@ cost					4.80	1.00
								TABLE WINE		
								OVER	0.00	
	DRAUGHT BEER									
3091	CARLSBERG 20LTR	GAL	13.14	35.20	4.40	2	3	1	4.40	
7301	SAN MIGUEL 20LTR	GAL	15.90	38.40	4.80	11	10	-1		4.80
7406	SHIPYARD 20 LTR	GAL	17.10	41.60	5.20	36	32	-4		20.80
									4.40	25.60
			-8.89	@ cost						4.40
							DF	RAUGHT BEER		
								SHORT		21.20
	BOTTLED BEER									
0561	GUINNESS	520	25.00	49.20	4.10	17	17			
51431	PERONI 0%	330	10.59	27.60	2.30	2	2			
52202	WKD BLUE	275	11.91	49.20	4.10	-6		6	24.60	
									24.60	0.00
									24.00	0.00
			E 06	@ cost					0.00	
			5.96	@ cost			D	OTTLED BEER	0.00	

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# TILL PLU TO ACTUAL SALES COMPARISON

Item	Description		Size	Cost	Selling	Bar	Actual	Sales per	Difference		Selling Price
Code				Price	Price	Price	Consumption	Till PLU		OVER	SHORT
	CIDER ETC										
31181	BULMERS		500	18.50	57.60	4.80	3	3			
1191	OLD MOUT		500	19.94	58.80	4.90	5	5			
				0.00	@ cost					0.00	0.00
									CIDER ETC OVER	0.00	
	MINERALS										
1611	BVC J20		275	8.69	27.60	2.30	2	2			
2593	MIXERS TONIC/SL	CAN	150	4.63	21.60	1.80	6	5	-1		1.80
2599	MIXER DRY GINGER		125	6.30	21.60	1.80	-3	5	8	14.40	
4201	BABY JUICES		125	5.37	22.80	1.90	5		-5		9.50
7772	CORDIAL		LTR	1.75	7.60	0.38	17	13	-4		1.52
8832	POST COKE	5.4-1	LTR	11.08	26.88	1.20	58	59	1	1.20	
8835	PM COKE DIET	5.4-1	LTR	10.20	26.88	1.20	22	17	-5		6.00
8921	PM SCHW LEMONADE	Ē	LTR	11.10	37.13	1.25	30	21	-9		11.25
										15.60	30.07
				-3.92	@ cost				MINERALS		15.60
									SHORT		14.47
	CRISPS, NUTS, ETC										
4851	PRINGLES		DOZ	9.30	18.00	1.50	1	1			
										0.00	0.00
				0.00	@ cost			CRISE	PS, NUTS, ETC	0.00	
								ORIOI	OVER	0.00	

-4.30 @ cost FINAL TOTAL OVER 0.43 M03 Middlewich Town Council Middlewich

STOCK AUDIT HISTORY from 0th 0

to 0th 0

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Stock No of Date Days	Takings Incl. VAT	Av. Daily Takings	Gross Profit	Barrel -age	Result		Yield	Stock on Hand	Days Stock
25/11/24 33	826.20	25.04	377.42 54.8%	0.4	0.89 SURPLUS	0.1%	97.9%	1319.31	140
TOTALS 33	826.20	25.04	377.42 54.8%	0.4	0.89 SURPLUS	0.1%	97.9%		

Average weekly Takings including VAT : 175.25

Average weekly Takings excluding VAT : 146.05

Average weekly Barrelage : 0.1



# TOP 30 (Sales)

					Sales at	%age of	Est. Gross	%age of
Rank	Description		Size	GP%	Selling	total	Profit	total
1	SHIPYARD 20 LTR		GAL	50.7	187.20	22.18	79.06	20.15
2	MINI WHITE		187	59.9	177.60	21.04	88.63	22.59
3	PROSECCO		200	49.2	72.00	8.53	29.52	7.52
4	GUINNESS		520	39.0	69.70	8.26	22.67	5.78
5	POST COKE	5.4-1	LTR	50.5	69.44	8.23	29.24	7.45
6	SAN MIGUEL 20LTR		GAL	50.3	53.76	6.37	22.54	5.75
7	PM SCHW LEMONADE		LTR	64.1	37.13	4.40	19.84	5.06
8	PM COKE DIET	5.4-1	LTR	54.5	26.88	3.18	12.20	3.11
9	OLD MOUT		500	59.3	24.50	2.90	12.11	3.09
10	BULMERS		500	61.5	14.40	1.71	7.38	1.88
					732.61	86.79%	323.19	82.38%
11	GIN HOUSE		150	78.5	13.20	1.56	8.64	2.20
12	PERNOD		70	74.5	13.02	1.54	8.08	2.06
13	LAMBS		70	78.7	12.60	1.49	8.27	2.11
14	MALIBU		70	82.1	12.60	1.49	8.62	2.20
15	MIXERS TONIC/SL	CAN	150	74.3	10.80	1.28	6.69	1.70
16	BABY JUICES		125	71.7	9.50	1.13	5.68	1.45
17	COURVOISIER		70	66.4	8.68	1.03	4.80	1.22
18	CARLSBERG 20LTR		GAL	55.2	7.04	0.83	3.24	0.83
19	VODKA HOUSE		150	80.9	6.60	0.78	4.45	1.13
20	HOUSE WHISKY		150	80.6	6.60	0.78	4.43	1.13
					100.64	11.92%	62.90	16.03%
21	CORDIAL		LTR	72.4	6.33	0.75	3.82	0.97
22	FAMOUS GROUSE		100	83.0	6.00	0.71	4.15	1.06
23	MINI ROSE		187	60.0	4.80	0.57	2.40	0.61
24	PERONI 0%		330	54.0	4.60	0.54	2.07	0.53
25	BVC J20		275	62.2	4.60	0.54	2.39	0.61
26	GORDONS LEMON		70	82.8	4.48	0.53	3.09	0.79
27	JACK DANIELS		70	72.7	4.34	0.51	2.63	0.67
28	BACARDI		70	77.3	4.20	0.50	2.71	0.69
29	PRINGLES		DOZ	38.0	1.50	0.18	0.48	0.12
				•	40.85	4.84%	23.72	6.05%



# TOP 30 (Profit)

					Est. Gross	%age of	Sales at	%age of
Rank	Description		Size	GP%	Profit	total	Selling	total
1	MINI WHITE		187	59.9	88.63	22.59	177.60	21.04
2	SHIPYARD 20 LTR		GAL	50.7	79.06	20.15	187.20	22.18
3	PROSECCO		200	49.2	29.52	7.52	72.00	8.53
4	POST COKE	5.4-1	LTR	50.5	29.24	7.45	69.44	8.23
5	GUINNESS		520	39.0	22.67	5.78	69.70	8.26
6	SAN MIGUEL 20LTR		GAL	50.3	22.54	5.75	53.76	6.37
7	PM SCHW LEMONAD	E	LTR	64.1	19.84	5.06	37.13	4.40
8	PM COKE DIET	5.4-1	LTR	54.5	12.20	3.11	26.88	3.18
9	OLD MOUT		500	59.3	12.11	3.09	24.50	2.90
10	GIN HOUSE		150	78.5	8.64	2.20	13.20	1.56
					324.46	82.70%	731.41	86.65%
11	MALIBU		70	82.1	8.62	2.20	12.60	1.49
12	LAMBS		70	78.7	8.27	2.11	12.60	1.49
13	PERNOD		70	74.5	8.08	2.06	13.02	1.54
14	BULMERS		500	61.5	7.38	1.88	14.40	1.71
		CAN						
15	MIXERS TONIC/SL	CAN	150	74.3	6.69	1.70	10.80	1.28
16 17	BABY JUICES		125 70	71.7	5.68	1.45	9.50	1.13
	COURVOISIER			66.4	4.80	1.22	8.68	1.03
18	VODKA HOUSE		150	80.9	4.45	1.13	6.60	0.78
19	HOUSE WHISKY		150	80.6	4.43	1.13	6.60	0.78
20	FAMOUS GROUSE		100	83.0	4.15	1.06 -	6.00	0.71
					62.55	15.94%	100.80	11.94%
21	CORDIAL		LTR	72.4	3.82	0.97	6.33	0.75
22	CARLSBERG 20LTR		GAL	55.2	3.24	0.83	7.04	0.83
23	GORDONS LEMON		70	82.8	3.09	0.79	4.48	0.53
24	BACARDI		70	77.3	2.71	0.69	4.20	0.50
25	JACK DANIELS		70	72.7	2.63	0.67	4.34	0.51
26	MINI ROSE		187	60.0	2.40	0.61	4.80	0.57
27	BVC J20		275	62.2	2.39	0.61	4.60	0.54
28	PERONI 0%		330	54.0	2.07	0.53	4.60	0.54
29	PRINGLES		DOZ	38.0	0.48	0.12	1.50	0.18
					22.81	5.81%	41.89	4.96%

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# PURCHASE BARRELAGE

					Quantity	Purcha	se Barrelage
Item	Description	Size	Cost	Bar	per	Current	Year to Date
Code			Price	Price	Barrel	Period	from 23/10/24
	DRAUGHT BEER						
43091	CARLSBERG 20LTR	GAL	13.14	4.40	36.0	0.12	0.12
47406	SHIPYARD 20 LTR	GAL	17.10	5.20	36.0	0.12	0.12
						0.24	0.24
	BOTTLED BEER						
50561	GUINNESS	520	25.00	4.10	21.8	0.09	0.09
51430	PERONI	330	13.35	4.30	41.3	0.05	0.05
						0.14	0.14
	TOTALS					0.38	0.38

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# **DELIVERY SUMMARY**

Supplie Name	r Delive Date	ery Delive Ref	Purchases at Cost	Credits Total at Cost at Cost	
Beer T	ading 01/11	/24 5954	249.11	249.11	
			249.11	249.11	-
			249.11		-

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# **DELIVERY DETAILS**

Supplier Name	Delivery Date	Delivery Ref	Code	Description	Size	Quantity	Cost Price	Value at Cost
Beer Trading	01/11/24	5954	30312	MINI WHITE	187	24.00	1.64	39.38
, and the second			43091	CARLSBERG 20LTR	GAL	4.4	13.14	57.82
			47406	SHIPYARD 20 LTR	GAL	4.4	17.10	75.23
			50561	GUINNESS	520	2:0	25.00	49.99
			51430	PERONI	330	2:0	13.35	26.69
				Invoice Total				249.11
				Beer Trading Total				249.11
				FINAL TOTAL				249.11

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
101 General Administration							
1000 Miscellaneous Income	200	0	(200)			0.0%	
1176 Precept	610,000	610,000	0			100.0%	
1190 Interest Received	827	600	(227)			137.8%	
General Administration :- Income	611,027	610,600	(427)			100.1%	0
4013 Recruitment	300	350	50		50	85.7%	
4017 Employer services	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
4102 Insurance	6,309	6,500	191		191	97.1%	
4104 Bank & Credit + Card Charges	256	500	244		244	51.3%	
4105 Office Supplies & Equipment	63	500	437		437	12.7%	
4109 Shredding & Archiving	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4110 Printing and Stationery	695	1,100	405		405	63.2%	
4111 Photocopy lease	456	750	294		294	60.8%	
4113 Postage	13	50	37		37	26.8%	
4115 Publicity & Marketing(General)	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4126 Financial Risks	0	80,000	80,000		80,000	0.0%	
4177 Room Hire	60	0	(60)		(60)	0.0%	
4199 Miscellaneous Costs	388	500	112		112	77.5%	
General Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	8,541	93,300	84,759	0	84,759	9.2%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	602,485	517,300	(85,185)				
102 Civic and Democratic							
4170 Chairmans Allowance	172	500	328		328	34.4%	
4171 Civic & Ceremonial Costs	766	1,000	234		234	76.6%	
4172 Honours Board & Badges	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4220 Election Costs	13,351	7,000	(6,351)		(6,351)	190.7%	
Civic and Democratic :- Indirect Expenditure	14,289	9,000	(5,289)		(5,289)	158.8%	0
Net Expenditure	(14,289)	(9,000)	5,289				
103 IT & Website Costs							
4018 Finance & Room Bookng Software	1,331	3,320	1,989		1,989	40.1%	
4112 Telephones	2,261	3,000	739		739	75.4%	
4114 Computer/IT Hardware	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4132 IT Support & Maintenance	7,174	7,950	776		776	90.2%	
4136 Website inc hosting/domain	579	1,500	921		921	38.6%	
IT & Website Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	11,345	16,770	5,425		5,425	67.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(11,345)	(16,770)	(5,425)				

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
104 Employment Costs Administratio							
4000 Wages & Salaries Gross	120,424	208,000	87,576		87,576	57.9%	
4005 National Insurance - Employer	9,155	15,000	5,845		5,845	61.0%	
4010 Pension Contributions-Employer	39,646	20,000	(19,646)		(19,646)	198.2%	
Employment Costs Administratio :- Indirect Expenditure	169,225	243,000	73,775	0	73,775	69.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(169,225)	(243,000)	(73,775)				
105 Grants & Donations							
4160 Community Grants Scheme	1,274	2,000	726		726	63.7%	
4169 Donations	0	150	150		150	0.0%	
Grants & Donations :- Indirect Expenditure	1,274	2,150	876		876	59.3%	0
Net Expenditure	(1,274)	(2,150)	(876)				
106 Employment Costs Town Rangers							
4003 Wages-Salaries Gross Rangers	25,215	32,000	6,785		6,785	78.8%	
4006 National Insurance Rangers	2,455	3,000	545		545	81.8%	
4008 Pension Contr Employer-Rangers	5,399	6,500	1,101		1,101	83.1%	
Employment Costs Town Rangers :- Indirect Expenditure	33,069	41,500	8,431	0	8,431	79.7%	0
Net Expenditure	(33,069)	(41,500)	(8,431)				
107 Training & Travel Expenses							
4120 Travelling Expenses	2,426	3,500	1,075		1,075	69.3%	
4121 Training Costs Councillors	130	500	370		370	26.0%	
4143 Training Costs Town Rangers	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4148 Training Costs Officers	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
Training & Travel Expenses :- Indirect Expenditure	2,556	6,000	3,445		3,445	42.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(2,556)	(6,000)	(3,445)				
201 Cemetery							
4118 Cemetery Legal Fees	1,750	5,000	3,250		3,250	35.0%	
Cemetery :- Indirect Expenditure	1,750	5,000	3,250		3,250	35.0%	0
Net Expenditure	(1,750)	(5,000)	(3,250)				

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301	Events							
	Xmas-Stalls-Food-funfair incom	2,054	0	(2,054)			0.0%	
	Events :- Income	2,054	·	(2,054)				
4163	Events - Over 70's party	218	1,000	782		782	21.8%	
4300	Events - General	1,692	500	(1,192)		(1,192)	338.3%	
4303	Events - Marketing	775	500	(275)		(275)	155.0%	
4305	Event-Christms Lghts Switch On	8,883	10,000	1,117	800	317	96.8%	
4308	Events - Licences/Premises	250	70	(180)		(180)	357.1%	
4335	Remembrance Event	1,760	1,500	(260)		(260)	117.3%	
4337	Town Events	160	4,500	4,340		4,340	3.6%	
	Events :- Indirect Expenditure	13,737	18,070	4,333	800	3,533	80.4%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(11,683)	(18,070)	(6,387)				
304	Projects & Hanging Baskets							
1060	Project Grants Received	4,702	4,702	0			100.0%	
1065	Income Hanging Baskets	825	0	(825)			0.0%	
	Projects & Hanging Baskets :- Income	5,527	4,702	(825)			117.5%	0
4178	Town Centre Vitality	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4314	Youth Projects	4,624	11,000	6,376		6,376	42.0%	
4345	Floriculture-Hanging Baskets	2,563	4,000	1,437		1,437	64.1%	
Projects &	& Hanging Baskets :- Indirect Expenditure	7,187	18,000	10,813		10,813	39.9%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	(1,660)	(13,298)	(11,638)				
306	Premises - Victoria Hall							
1029	Victoria Hall Hire Income	13,584	21,050	7,466			64.5%	
1035	Vic Hall Kitchen Hire Income	20	0	(20)			0.0%	
1040	Vic Hall Cleaning Chrge Income	40	0	(40)			0.0%	
	Premises - Victoria Hall :- Income	13,644	21,050	7,406			64.8%	
4142	Business Rates - Victoria Hall	2,805	5,610	2,805		2,805	50.0%	
4151	Music Licence PPL/PRS	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4154	Vic Hall - Equipment Purchases	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4206	Marketing - Victoria Hall	239	500	261		261	47.8%	
4213	Victoria Hall Misc Expenses	454	1,000	546		546	45.4%	
4214	Victoria Hall broadband	314	700	386		386	44.9%	
4215	Repairs & Maintenance Vic Hall	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4217	Electrcity Charges - Vic Hall	53	500	447		447	10.7%	
4218	Window Cleaning - Vic Hall	384	250	(134)		(134)	153.5%	
Prem	nises - Victoria Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	4,250	10,560	6,310	0	6,310	40.2%	0
	Net Income over Expenditure	9,394	10,490	1,096				

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307 Victoria Hall Bar & Staff							
1021 Bar Sales	11,215	20,000	8,785			56.1%	
Victoria Hall Bar & Staff :- Income	11,215	20,000	8,785			56.1%	
4002 Wages/Hol Pay - Casual Bar Sta	3,186	5,500	2,314		2,314	57.9%	
4004 National Insurance-Casual Bar	17	100	83		83	16.8%	
4104 Bank & Credit + Card Charges	20	0	(20)		(20)	0.0%	
4130 Card Machine Hire Charges	77	130	53		53	59.1%	
1209 Bar Stock Purchases	5,007	8,500	3,493		3,493	58.9%	
1211 Bar equipment & Call outs	2,040	2,000	(40)		(40)	102.0%	
1219 Bar Professional Stock Takes	300	900	600		600	33.3%	
Victoria Hall Bar & Staff :- Indirect Expenditure	10,647	17,130	6,483	0	6,483	62.2%	
Net Income over Expenditure	568	2,870	2,302				
308 Premises -TH & Vic Hall Shared							
	5,834	14,000	8,166		8,166	41.7%	
1108 Sanitation & Cleaning	519	1,200	681	78	604	49.7%	
1131 Fire Alarm/Door Intercom Serv	3,549	6,000	2,451		2,451	59.2%	
4134 Waste & Refuse Charges	1,002	1,350	348		348	74.2%	
1141 Burgler Alarm & Serv Costs	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
1147 Caretakers Clothing/PPE	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
1149 Emergency & LED Lights Costs	120	500	380	1,110	(730)	246.0%	
1150 Legionella Testing & Costs	516	516	0		0	100.0%	
1152 Gas Certificate & Boiler Servi	740	800	60		60	92.5%	
1153 CCTV Service & Costs	2,753	6,000	3,247		3,247	45.9%	
1204 Gas Charges TH & Vic Hall	9,460	15,000	5,540		5,540	63.1%	
4221 PAT Testing	266	0	(266)		(266)	0.0%	
Premises -TH & Vic Hall Shared :- Indirect Expenditure	24,760	45,966	21,206	1,188	20,019	56.4%	(
Net Expenditure	(24,760)	(45,966)	(21,206)				
309 Premises - Town Hall							
1009 Town Hall Rent Income	3,050	5,170	2,120			59.0%	
1013 Room Hire Income TH	708	980	273			72.2%	
1033 TH Rent Service Charge Income	1,900	3,800	1,900			50.0%	
Premises - Town Hall :- Income	5,658	9,950	4,292			56.9%	
4101 Business Rates	9,112	12,270	3,158		3,158	74.3%	
4201 Gen materials - Town Hall	79	500	421		421	15.8%	

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	Actual Year	Current	Variance	Committed	Funds	% Spent	Transfer
	To Date	Annual	Annual	Expenditure	Available	7.5	to/from EMR
4202 Repairs & Maintenance-Town Hal	6,384	6,000	(384)		(384)	106.4%	
4205 Window Cleaning Town Hall	405	500	95		95	81.1%	
4216 Electricity Charges -Town Hall	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
4309 VH Licences/Premises	0	180	180		180	0.0%	
4316 VH -Capital Equipment Purchase	0	1,500	1,500		1,500	0.0%	
Premises - Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	15,980	25,950	9,970		9,970	61.6%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(10,323)	(16,000)	(5,677)				
312 Professional Fees							
4011 Payroll Services	2,292	1,850	(442)		(442)	123.9%	
4103 Audit Fees-Internal & External	532	13,500	12,968		12,968	3.9%	
4122 Subscriptions & ICO Fee	2,221	2,300	79		79	96.6%	
4123 Professional & Legal Fees	10,426	10,000	(426)		(426)	104.3%	
4129 HR & HS Support Services	1,901	1,901	1		1	100.0%	
4133 Accountancy Support	2,500	4,500	2,000		2,000	55.6%	
4145 Consultancy Contractor Fees	8,685	8,685	0		0	100.0%	
Professional Fees :- Indirect Expenditure	28,556	42,736	14,180		14,180	66.8%	0
Net Expenditure	(28,556)	(42,736)	(14,180)				
315 Southway Public Conveniences							
4450 Southway PC Refurb Costs	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
Southway Public Conveniences :- Indirect Expenditure	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(5,000)	(5,000)				
316 Leadsmithy Public Conveniences							
4451 Leadsmithy PC Refurb Costs	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
Leadsmithy Public Conveniences :- Indirect Expenditure	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure		(5,000)	(5,000)				
325 Christmas Displays							
4290 Christmas Lights	9,170	8,650	(520)		(520)	106.0%	
4401 Christmas Tree & Assoc'costs	3,627	3,058	(569)		(569)	118.6%	
Christmas Displays :- Indirect Expenditure	12,797	11,708	(1,089)	0	(1,089)	109.3%	0
Net Expenditure	(12,797)	(11,708)	1,089				
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		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
405 T	own Ranger Service & Costs							
4140 N	Motor expenses	1,341	4,000	2,659		2,659	33.5%	
4146 C	Clothing & PPE Town Rangers	364	600	236		236	60.7%	
4251 T	own ranger costs	3,551	6,000	2,449		2,449	59.2%	
4319 E	Equipment (minor or hire)	8,067	6,000	(2,067)		(2,067)	134.5%	
Т	own Ranger Service & Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	13,324	16,600	3,276	0	3,276	80.3%	
	Net Expenditure	(13,324)	(16,600)	(3,276)				
450 A	Allotments Long Lane_							
	Allotment Income Long Lane	400	200	(200)			200.0%	
	Allotments Long Lane :- Income	400	200	(200)			200.0%	,
	Net Income	400	200	(200)				
451 A	Allotments Booth Lane							
1070 A	Allotments Inc Booth Lane	505	0	(505)			0.0%	
	Allotments Booth Lane :- Income	505	0	(505)				-
	Net Income	505	0	(505)				
	Grand Totals:- Income	650,029	666,502	16,473			97.5%	1
	Expenditure	373,286	633,440	260,154	1,988	258,166	59.2%	
	Net Income over Expenditure	276,743	33,062	(243,681)				
	lovement to/(from) Gen Reserve	276,743						



# REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS POLICY

# 1. Background: Legal Framework

- 1.1. Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires smaller authorities, each financial year, to conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control to inform the council's preparation of its annual governance statement.
- 1.2. The Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide represents the proper practices in relation to accounts that smaller authorities need to follow in preparing their annual governance statement.
- 1.3. The purpose of the annual governance statement is for the Council to report publicly on its arrangements for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law, regulations and proper practices and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for.
- 1.4. The Annual Governance Statement Assertion 2 Internal Control states that:
  - 'We maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.'

# 2. Compliance: Reviewing the Effectiveness of Internal Controls

- 2.1. In order to warrant a positive assertion, the council must comply with several processes that need to be in place and effective. These are set out in the Governance and Accountabilty Practitioners Guide. To warrant a 'Yes' the following processes need to be in place and effective:
  - a) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The authority needs to have in place standing orders and financial regulations governing how it operates. Financial regulations need to incorporate provisions for securing competition and regulating the way tenders are invited. These need to be regularly reviewed, fit for purpose, and adhered to.
  - b) Safe and Efficient Arrangements to Safeguard Public Money. Practical and resilient arrangements need to exist covering how the authority orders goods and services, incurs liabilities, manages debtors, makes payments, and handles receipts. Authorities need to have in place safe and efficient arrangements to

- safeguard public money. Where doubt exists over what constitutes money, the presumption is that it falls within the scope of this guidance.
- c) Authorities need to regularly review the effectiveness of their arrangements to protect money. Every authority needs to arrange for the proper administration of its financial affairs and ensure that one of its officers (the RFO) has formal responsibility for those affairs.
- d) Authorities need to ensure controls over money are embedded in Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 required cheques or orders for payment to be signed by two elected members. Whilst this requirement has now been repealed, the 'two-member signatures' control needs to remain in place until such time as the authority has put in place safe and efficient arrangements.
- e) Authorities need to approve the setting up of, and any changes to, accounts with banks or other financial institutions. Authorities also need to approve any decisions to enter 'pooling' or 'sweep' arrangements whereby the bank periodically aggregates the authority's various balances via automatic transfers
- f) If held, corporate credit card accounts need to have defined limits and be cleared monthly by direct debit from the main bank account. Credit card balances are not acceptable reconciling items for bank reconciliation purposes.
- g) The authority needs to approve every bank mandate, the list of authorised signatures for each account, the limits of authority for each account signature and any amendments to mandates.
- h) Risk assessment and internal controls need to focus on the safety of the authority's assets, particularly money. Those with direct responsibility for money need to undertake appropriate training from time to time.
- i) Employment The remuneration payable to all employees needs to be approved in advance by the authority. In addition to having robust payroll arrangements which cover the accuracy and legitimacy of payments of salaries and wages, and associated liabilities, the authority needs to ensure that it has complied with its duties under employment legislation and has met its pension obligations.
- j) VAT The authority needs to have robust arrangements in place for handling its responsibilities regarding VAT.
- k) Fixed Assets and Equipment The authority's assets need to be secured, properly maintained, and efficiently managed. Appropriate procedures need to be followed for any asset disposal and for the use of any resulting capital receipt.
- Loans and long-term liabilities Authorities need to ensure that any loan or similar commitment is only entered into after the authority is satisfied that it can be afforded and that relevant approvals have been obtained. Proper

arrangements need to be in place to ensure that funds are available to make repayments of capital and any associated interest and other liabilities.

- m) Review of effectiveness Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the authority to conduct a financial year review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control. The review needs to inform the authority's preparation of its annual governance statement.
- 2.2. Using the guidance contained within the Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide, Middlewich Town Council has developed an internal controls checklist (Appendix A) to review the effectiveness of its internal controls.
- 2.3. This checklist will be used by the council at least once a year in accordance with any requirements of the Financial Regulations, to review the effectiveness of the internal control procedures. The outcome of the review will be formally reported and minuted at a Council Meeting.

#### 3. Review

3.1. This policy will be reviewed at least on an annual basis or as required to comply with legislative Changes or guidance contained within the Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide.

Date Adopted:

Review Period: To be reviewed annually

Version History:

# APPENDIX A – INTERNAL CONTROLS CHECKLIST

Internal Control	Suggested Testing	Yes	No	Controls / Comments / Recommendations
Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	Has the Council formally adopted Standing Orders and Financial Regulations? Are these up to date and based on the latest NALC Model and tailored to the requirements of the Council?			
Accounting records, ie cash book:	Is the cash book being kept up to date? Cross reference it with minutes/bank statements/cheque books.			
Bank Reconciliations	<ol> <li>Is a bank reconciliation carried out regularly?</li> <li>Is the council or duly delegated committee provided with this information regularly?</li> <li>Is the monthly reconciliation checked against bank statements?</li> </ol>			
Payment Controls:	<ol> <li>Has a Responsible Financial Officer been appointed with specific duties?</li> <li>Have items or services been competitively purchased?</li> <li>Are all payments listed in the minutes / reported to council?</li> <li>Are payments in the cashbook supported by invoices, authorised in accordance with a minute resolution or delegated authority?</li> <li>Has VAT on payments been identified, recorded and reclaimed?</li> <li>Is s137 expenditure separately recorded and within statutory limits? If the Council has declared the General Power of Competence, this is no longer a requirement.</li> <li>Do payments made correspond with the invoiced amounts? Check legitimacy of Direct Debits and Standing Orders.</li> </ol>			
Cheques Payments:	<ol> <li>Are they properly and fully completed before being signed?</li> <li>Are cheque counterfoils always initialled by the signatories?</li> <li>Do Paid cheques correspond with bank statements? – also check outstanding payments?</li> </ol>			
Electronic Payments & Internet Banking	Do electronic payments comply with the electronic payment controls in the Financial Regulations? Are checks implemented by the council being adhered to?			

Internal Control	Suggested Testing	Yes	No	Controls / Comments / Recommendations
Receipts:	<ul><li>1) Is income due to the council being collected promptly and in full?</li><li>2) Are receipts being given?</li><li>3) Is income properly controlled pending being paid into the bank? Ie in accordance with the council's Financial Regulations?</li></ul>			
Allotments:	<ol> <li>Do tenants have a tenancy agreements and have they been issued?</li> <li>Are Rent letters/invoices sent out and rents received in a timely matter?</li> <li>Are fees charged in accordance with the councils approved rates?</li> <li>Is there up to date occupancy details kept and securely retained?</li> </ol>			
Cemeteries:	<ol> <li>Do the cemetery accounts balance?</li> <li>Are fees charged in accordance with the councils approved rates?         Have these been collected correctly?</li> <li>Do all interred ashes have certificates of cremation where applicable</li> <li>Are permits properly documented and stored where applicable</li> <li>Are the cemetery regulations adopted and up to date?</li> <li>Are the registers of burials and purchased graves completed correctly and stored safely?</li> <li>Have Burial certificates been issued correctly?</li> <li>Have Green slips been returned appropriately to the Registrar?</li> <li>Is there a legible cemetery burial plan up to date or backed up if appropriate?</li> </ol>			
Surplus Balances	Are surplus deposits placed in a suitable interest-earning bank account?			

Internal Control	Suggested Testing	Yes	No	Controls / Comments / Recommendations
Debt Monitoring	Does the Council have in place debt monitoring arrangements for the collection of sums of money owed to them for?			
Employment / Payroll Controls	<ol> <li>Do all employees have contracts of employment with clear terms and conditions?</li> <li>Do salaries paid agree with those approved by the Council?</li> <li>Are other payments to employees reasonable and approved by the Council?</li> <li>Have PAYE/NIC been properly and operated by the Council as an employer?</li> <li>Approval of expense claims?</li> </ol>			
VAT Controls	<ol> <li>Is it properly recorded in the cash book?</li> <li>Claim for refund of VAT made and paid to the council? Claim properly submitted in a timely manner?</li> </ol>			
Risk Management Arrangement	<ol> <li>Does a review of the minutes identify any unusual financial activity?</li> <li>Do minutes record the council carrying out an annual corporate risk assessment?</li> <li>Is the insurance cover appropriate and adequate, including the arrangement for Fidelity Guarantee?</li> </ol>			
Bank Accounts	Is the bank mandate up to date and have the list of authorised signatories been approved by the Council?			
Budget & Financial Statement	<ul> <li>2) Has the Council prepared an annual budget in support of it's precept?</li> <li>3) Is actual expenditure against the budget regularly reported to the Council?</li> <li>4) Are there any significant unexplained variances from budget?</li> </ul>			

Internal Control	Suggested Testing	Yes	No	Controls / Comments / Recommendations
Fixed Assets and Equipment	<ol> <li>Does a Register of assets exist? Has this been Reviewed and is it up to date?</li> <li>Have assets been inspected for Health &amp; Safety purposes eg Street furniture and do inspection records exist?</li> </ol>			
Internal Audit Reports	<ul> <li>Presented to full council (or committee as directed) and recommendations acted upon?</li> </ul>			
External Audit Reports	<ul> <li>Has this been presented to full council and directives acted upon?</li> </ul>			

Names of Councillors carrying out the effectiveness of internal control checks:			
Councillor:	. Signed:	Date:	
Councillor:	. Signed:	Date:	
Councillor:	. Signed:	Date:	
Has the outcome of the review of the effectiveness been formally reported to the full council: Yes / No			
Date of Council Meeting:			
Minute Reference:			



# INTERNAL AUDIT POLICY : REVIEWING THE EFFECTIVNESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

# 1. Purpose of this Policy

- 1.1. Middlewich Town Council is committed to providing a quality service for the benefit of people who live in, work or visit the town of Middlewich. The Council considers internal audit a key element of operating good and proper practices in accordance with legislative requirements.
- 1.2. The purpose of this policy is to:
  - Recognise the legal framework in which the Council operates
  - Outline the Council's attitude and commitment to internal audit and
  - Identify responsibilities and arrangements for internal audit associated with Council operations.
- 1.3. The over-riding purpose of internal audit is to support the Council to improve its procedures for financial control of its activities. The scope of this policy is to set out the arrangements and responsibilities for the Internal Auditor.

# 2. Background: Internal Audit

- 2.1. Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance activity designed to improve an organisation's operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.
- 2.2. The purpose of internal audit is to review and report to the authority on whether its systems of financial and other internal controls over its activities and operating procedures are effective. The internal audit function must be independent from the management of the financial controls and procedures of the authority which are the subject of review. The person or persons carrying out internal audit must be competent to carry out the role in a way that meets the business needs of the authority. It is for each authority to decide, given its circumstances, what level of competency is appropriate, and to keep this issue under review.

# 3. Legal Framework & Compliance

3.1. A smaller authority is required by Regulation 5(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 to 'undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector

- internal auditing standards or guidance.' The guidance for public sector standards is set out in the Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide for Smaller Authorities.
- 3.2. Internal audit report(s) should inform the authority's responses to Assertions 2 and 6 in the annual governance statement. Internal audit reports should therefore be made available to support and inform members considering the authority's approval of the annual governance statement.

#### 4. Assertion 6 - Internal Audit

- 'We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.'
- 4.1. Internal In order to warrant a positive assertion, the council must comply with the following:
  - Internal audit: The authority needs to undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes taking into account internal auditing guidance for smaller authorities.
  - Provision of information: The authority needs to ensure it has taken all necessary steps to facilitate the work of those conducting the internal audit, including making available all relevant documents and records and supplying any information or explanations required.
- 4.2. To comply with this assertion, the Council has set out the arrangements it will follow in the procurement of an internal audit service including an annual review of the effectiveness of internal audit taking into account the non-statutory guidance set out in the Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide.

# 5. Arrangements & Responsibilities

- 5.1. Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance activity designed to improve an organisation's operations.
- 5.2. Internal audit must be independent from the management of financial controls.
- 5.3. The Council must be assured that the person carrying out the audit is competent to carry out the role to meet the business needs of the council and understands the local government legal framework.
- 5.4. The Responsible Financial Officer should work in collaboration with the Internal Auditor.
- 5.5. Managing the Council's internal controls is the day-to-day function of the Council's staff and management and not the responsibility of internal audit.
- 5.6. Internal audit does not involve the detailed inspection of all records and transactions of the Council in order to detect error or fraud.

5.7. The function of the Internal Auditor is to consider if the Council's financial controls and procedures are adequate.

# 6. Appointment of an Internal Auditor

6.1. Middlewich Town Council will determine how best to meet the statutory requirement for internal audit, having regard to its business needs and circumstances. There are two key principles the Council will follow in sourcing an internal audit provider:

Independence and competence:

- Independence: Independence requires the absence of any actual or perceived conflict of interest. It means that whoever carries out the internal audit role does not have any involvement in or responsibility for the financial decision making, management or control of the authority, or with the authority's financial controls and procedures.
- Competence: There is no requirement for a person providing the internal audit role to be professionally qualified, but essential competencies to be sought from any internal audit service include:
  - o understanding basic book-keeping and accounting processes;
  - understanding the role of internal audit in reviewing systems rather than undertaking detailed checks that are more appropriately the responsibility of management;
  - o awareness of relevant risk management issues; and
  - understanding proper practices in relation to governance and accounting requirements within the legal framework and powers of smaller authorities, as set out in the Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide for Smaller Authorities.
  - Awareness of relevance of VAT and PAYE/NIC as applied to the authority.
  - Additional Evidence to Competency might also include the possession of professional indemnity insurance cover.

# 7. Internal Audit Programme of Work

- 7.1. Middlewich Town Councill will determine the internal audit scope of work to be undertaken by the internal auditor. If no such programme of work is agreed by the Council, then the minimum reporting requirement for internal audit will be met by completing the annual internal audit report within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The Internal auditor may also report in greater detail to the Council for example providing a written internal audit report.
- 7.2. The Council may consider the following list of the key systems and processes they can ask internal audit to review from time to time as part of its work:
  - proper book-keeping including the cash book;
  - standing orders and financial regulations;

- payment controls;
- income controls;
- budgetary controls;
- petty cash procedure;
- payroll controls;
- asset control;
- bank reconciliations;
- year-end procedures; and
- risk management arrangements.

# 8. Reviewing the Effectiveness of Internal Audit

- 8.1. On an annual basis, Middlewich Town Council will carry out a review of the effectiveness of the overall internal audit arrangements. As part of the review, this may include the appointment of an internal auditor. The review should balance the Councils internal audit needs and usage. It should provide sufficient assurance for the Council that standards are being met and that the work of internal audit is effective. The review is designed to assure Middlewich Town Council that it has maintained the standards of an adequate and effective internal audit of its risk management, control and governance processes.
- 8.2. The review will include, as a minimum, making an assessment of each of the following: the scope of internal audit;
  - independence;
  - competence;
  - relationships with the clerk and the authority; and
  - audit planning and reporting.
- 8.3. The Council will consider the 'Internal Audit Meeting Standards' checklist to carry out a review of the effectiveness of internal audit (see Appendix A).

# 9. Policy Review

9.1. This policy will be reviewed at least on an annual basis or as required to comply with legislative Changes or guidance contained within the Governance and Accountability Practitioners Guide.

Date Adopted:

Review Period: To be reviewed annually

Version History:

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# Appendix - Internal Audit - Part 1 - Meeting Standards

Expected Standard	Evidence of Achievement	Yes or No	Areas for Development
1. Scope of internal audit	Terms of reference for internal audit were (re)approved by full council on [date]. Internal audit work takes into account both the council's risk assessment and wider internal control arrangements. Internal audit work covers the council's antifraud and corruption arrangements.		
2. Independence	Internal audit has direct access to those charged with governance (see Financial Regulations). Reports are made in own name to management. Internal audit does not have any other role within the council/board.		
3. Competence	There is no evidence of a failure to carry out internal audit work ethically, with integrity and objectivity.		
4. Relationships	All responsible officers (Clerk and RFO) are consulted on the internal audit plan. (Evidence is on audit files). Respective responsibilities for officers and internal audit are defined in relation to internal control, risk management and fraud and corruption matters (job descriptions and engagement letter). The responsibilities of council members are understood; training of members is carried out as necessary. (See Member training plan).		
5. Audit Planning and Reporting	The annual internal audit plan properly takes account of all the risks facing the council and has been approved by the council [date]. Internal audit has reported in accordance with the plan on [date].		

# Appendix - Internal Audit - Part 2 - Characteristics of Reviewing the Effectiveness of Internal Audit

Characteristics of 'effectiveness'	Evidence of Achievement	Yes or No	Areas for Development
1. Internal audit work is planned	Planned internal audit work is based on risk assessment and designed to meet the council's needs.		
2. Understanding the whole organisation its needs and objectives	The annual audit plan demonstrates how audit work will provide assurance for the council's Annual Governance Statement.		
3. Be seen as a catalyst for change	Internal audit supports the council's work in delivering improved services to the community.		
4. Add value and assist the organisation in achieving its objectives	The council makes positive responses to internal audit's recommendations and follows up with action where this is called for.		
5. Be forward looking	In formulating the annual audit plan, national agenda changes are considered. Internal audit maintains awareness of new developments in the council's services, risk management and corporate governance arrangements.		
6. Be forward looking	Internal audit focuses on the risks facing the council. Internal audit encourages managers/members to develop their own responses to risks, rather than relying solely on audit recommendations.		
7. Ensure the right resources are available	Adequate resource is made available for internal audit to complete its work. Internal audit understands the council and the legal and corporate framework in which it operates.		