
Report To: Annual Parish Council

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Subject: Appointment of an Auditor

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Parish Council is required to have an independent audit of its accounts and financial practices at least once annually. It is common to have a six monthly interim visit particularly amongst larger Councils however West Swindon does not employ this currently.
- 1.2 If income generation options expand, the Parish Council should consider the addition of a six monthly interim audit.

2. Report Details

- 2.1 The Parish Council has used the services of **Auditing Solutions Ltd** for the last six years. The company has provided an Auditor for the Annual Audit of the Accounts. The audit of 2024-25 has been completed and a report is due. The cost of the annual audit will depend on the complexity of the accounts and is currently in the region of £600.
- 2.2 The Internal Auditor's report forms part of the Parish Council's statutory Annual Governance and Accountability return.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That **Auditing Solutions Ltd** is appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor