

## Financial Risk Management Policy

## Buckden Parish Council

### Appendix 3 Risk Assessment - Unity Bank Commercial Multi-pay credit card and use of separate Fuel (credit) card by handymen

| What are the hazards?          | Who might be harmed and how?                                               | What are you already doing?                                                 | Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Action by whom?                          | Risk rating | Action by when? | Done                                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Poor account management/ fraud | Council Taxpayers of Buckden<br>Unnecessary increased precept requirements | Credit card in name of RFO only                                             | Corporate Multi-pay Credit Card limit as per Financial Regulations and approved by Council.<br><br>Fuel card limit to be reviewed annually in September – to be based on past fuel purchase values and frequency and so also to inform budget setting for the following year | Clerk, Signatories on Unity bank mandate | C3          | Ongoing         | Cards in use<br><br>Paid in full monthly – no interest. |
| Poor account management/ fraud |                                                                            | Full balance on credit and fuel cards to be cleared monthly by direct debit | All receipts to be attached to the Corporate Multi-pay Card and Fuel Card statements                                                                                                                                                                                         | Clerk                                    | C3          | Ongoing         | Completed monthly                                       |

| What are the hazards?          | Who might be harmed and how?                                               | What are you already doing?                                                                                                           | Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?                                                                                          | Action by whom? | Risk rating | Action by when? | Done                                                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Poor account management/ fraud | Council Taxpayers of Buckden<br>Unnecessary increased precept requirements | Total card transactions to be shown on bank statement                                                                                 | All receipts for use of Unity Bank card to be retained with to bank statements                                                                | Clerk           | C3          | Ongoing         | Monitor annually                                          |
| Poor account management/ fraud |                                                                            | In the event of loss of the commercial multi-pay or Fuel cards, the card issuers to be notified to cancel the card and Police advised | Clerk to report card loss to Parish Council chairman<br><br>To report to the Council's insurers if relevant to any potential insurance claim. | Clerk           | C3          | Ongoing         |                                                           |
| Poor account management/ fraud |                                                                            | Fuel card agreed with defined limit, for purchase of fuel for BPC equipment only                                                      | Petrol/diesel invoices are issued direct to RFO; to be matched against expected spend and evidence from Groundstaff                           | Clerk           | C3          | Ongoing         | Fuel card in place and checking systems operated by Clerk |

Clerk's Signature .....

Date: .....

Assessor's Signature .....

Date: .....

## Risk Rating Formula

| Rate the hazard – severity and consequence                                                                                                                                        | Rate the risk – likelihood                                                                                 | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Death</li> <li>Major Injury</li> <li>Major damage or major loss to property/equipment</li> <li>Major reputational risk</li> </ul> | <b>1.</b><br>Extremely likely to occur                                                                     | A1 Unacceptable – must receive immediate attention to remove or reduce risk or stop work activity<br><br>A2/B1 Urgent – must receive attention as soon as possible to remove/reduce hazard or risk |
| <b>B</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injury lasting over 3 days</li> <li>Damage to property/equipment</li> <li>Potential reputational risk</li> </ul>                  | <b>2.</b><br>Frequent/often/likely to occur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major injury</li> </ul> | A3/C1 Must receive attention to remove/reduce hazard or risk<br><br>B2 Should receive attention to remove/reduce hazard or risk                                                                    |
| <b>C</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor injury</li> <li>Minor damage loss to property/equipment</li> <li>Unlikely to cause risk to Council reputation</li> </ul>    | <b>3.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slight chance of occurring</li> </ul>                     | B3/C2 Low priority – remove/reduce hazard or risk after other priorities<br><br>C3 Very low priority – remove/reduce hazard or risk after other priorities                                         |

## Buckden Parish Council Risk Assessment Financial Risk – Debit Credit Fuel Cards Version Control Record

| Version   | Date                                                       | Author                                                                                                    | Reason for update                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Version 1 | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018                             | Ramune Mimiene (Clerk) and<br>Cllr Sue Ashwell (Chairman, Finance<br>Advisory Group)                      | New Risk Assessment - adapted from Little<br>Paxton assessment, with consent                                                                                                                   |
| Version 2 | 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020                             | Ramune Mimiene (Clerk) and<br>Cllr Sue Ashwell (Chairman, Finance<br>Advisory Group)                      | Debit and fuel cards have now been in place for<br>12 months. Risk Assessment updated to align<br>with experience and current use.                                                             |
| Version 3 | 13 Apr 2021                                                | Ramune Mimiene (Clerk), and Cllr Sue<br>Ashwell (Chairman, Finance AG),<br>approved by full PC            | Change the multi pay card limit to £1, 000 (was<br>£500 before)                                                                                                                                |
| Version 4 | 30 January 2024<br>Finance AG<br><br>February 2024 Council | Ramune Mimiene (Clerk)<br>Sue Ashwell , Chairman, Village<br>Maintenance AG and<br>Finance Advisory Group | Reviewed Financial risk assessments Appendices as a<br>'set'.<br>For handover to new Finance AG Chairman<br>Updated with actions taken and new processes put in<br>place since the last review |
| Version 5 | Annual May BPC                                             | BPC                                                                                                       | Nothing to review                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Version 6 | July BPC                                                   | BPC                                                                                                       | Reviewed.                                                                                                                                                                                      |