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1. Introduction:

This plan has been developed to assist in minimising the effects of any potential major disruption and to facilitate the recovery or replacement of Saltash Town Council accommodation, administration/financial operations and services.

A major disruption is defined as a significant incident which threatens personnel, buildings or the operational structure of the businesses involved and requires special measures to be taken to restore things back to good working order.

2. Functions of Saltash Town Council:

The Guildhall houses the Saltash Town Council offices from where the day to day administration of the town council is undertaken, this includes regular council meetings.

The Guildhall also provides accommodation on a casual hire basis for community groups, public and private hire functions. Some of these are regular scheduled bookings.

To act as a community care and accommodation building in the event of a civil emergency.

Specifically, the Guildhall is designated as an emergency accommodation centre in the event of a disaster at the Saltash Bridge or tunnel.

Saltash Town Council also owns/leases and has public and staff responsibility for Churchtown Cemetery, Saltash Library, and staff responsibility for Belle Vue Finance Office, Longstone Depot, Waterfront Wardens Pontoon Office and the Station Building to be operational in 20210.

3. Business Risk Analysis:

The following are recognised as potential <u>major</u> risks for the <u>establishments listed</u> <u>above.operations of Saltash Town Council</u>

- Fire
- Gas leak/explosion
- Loss of mains electrical power
- Damage to council offices
- Flooding (Environment agency indicate no risk)
- Loss of council documents due to fire, flood, theft or other causes
- Loss of council electronic data due to fault, damage, corruption, hardware failure or hacking attack
- Damage to park, allotments or other amenity area.
- Loss of council equipment due to fault damage, breakdown or theft

- Loss of Communications (Broadband / Telephones
- Damage to Asbestos Containing materials
- Loss of Investment Money
- Failure to calculate precept on time
- Failure to account for and recover VAT
- Failure to stay within the agreed budgets/inadequate precept
- Failure to maintain fixed asset register
- Allegation of libel or slander
- Fraud by staff or members
- Flooding (Environment agency indicate no risk)
- Loss of Town Clerk/ Key Personnel due to resignation, incapacity, long term illness or death
- Death or serious injury to member of staff whilst carrying out town council duties
- Loss of councillors due to multiple resignations (causing the council to be inquorate)
- Damage to Asbestos Containing material
- Health Pandemic/ Lockdown



Business risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation strategy	Contingency Notes and Actions to Manage Risks
Disaster impacting on Town	High 4	<u>Low</u> <u>2</u>	∞I		 Emergency plan including contact list of resources maintained by all departments. Key personnel will make themselves available Common sense used to determine appropriate action Actively listen for and monitor any communications Accept instructions from emergency services and Cornwall Council emergency planning team
Guildhall Unserviceable	Medium 3	Low 2	<u>6</u>	 Carry out regular checks and fire risk assessments Maintain adequate insurance cover 	 There are no life critical services provided Management Team called together to agree priorities Short- term measure to recover in alternative location – e.g. Library Medium/ long term plan to return to Guildhall
Fire. Damage to part of or loss of the to	High	Unlikely Low	<u>8</u>	 Provision of fire detection and centrally monitored 	Hire alternative accommodation and equipment to continue council functions and meetings.

any council building.		2		alarm systems, firefighting equipment. Tire Risk Assessment reviewed and updated	
Loss of life.				regularly.	 Cancel bookings and meetings.
Gas leak	Low Med	Unlikely Lo		Annual inspection of	 Provide alternative means of
Loss of heating and hot water	<u>ium</u> <u>3</u>	<u>w</u> <u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	equipment by gas safe registered contractor.	providing heating & hot water.
facilities in any of the council buildings.					Call out arrangements with Contractor
					 Cancel bookings and meetings.
Loss of main electrical power (long term) Loss of heating, lighting, communications and alarm	Medium 3	W 2	<u>6</u>	 Internal fault: The electrical system is inspected and tested every 5 years by competent contractors. External fault: Contact with utility provider 	Hire alternative accommodation to continue council functions and meetings. Cancel backings and meetings.
systems. Inability to use the building				to provide information.	Cancel bookings and meetings.

safely during the hours of darkness in any of the council buildings.					
Damage to Physical assets owned by the council – buildings, furniture, equipment. Complete loss of ICT, etc.	Medium 3	Medium 3	9	 An up to date register of assets Physical verification of assets on register. Regular safety checks on physical assets Regular Maintenance arrangements for physical assets. Insurance regularly reviewed Buildings re-valued regularly Computer backups off site Reputable ICT support contractor/Supplier Buildings alarmed for security and fire Staff Training 	 Record all information and inform the insurance company of any incident and obtain photographic evidence Town Council to advise Council and staff of incident If necessary, relocate to alternative premises or admin team may work from home. Town Council answer phone to state emergency mobile contact numbers Review risk assessment

Harm caused by failure to ensure adequate Health and Safety	Medium 3	Medium 3	9	 Risk Assessments carried out H&S Advisory service provided by Moorepay Council property properly maintained Specific training provided as per risk assessment findings inc First Aid Regular H&S review meetings H&S covered in team meetings 	
Loss of council documents due to fire, flood, theft or other causes	High 4	Low 2	8	 To operate a clear desk policy: Ensure important documentation is stored securely in fire/ flood proof cabinets. Ensure backup copies of paper documents i.e. electronic version is stored. 	 Town Clerk to advise council and staff of the incident. Inform Police and Insurance company (If necessary). If appropriate consider security controls i.e. change of locks/passwords
Loss of council electronic data due to fault,	High 4	Low 2	8	 Ensure antivirus software is up to date. 	Town Clerk to advise council and staff of the incident.

damage, corruption, hardware failure or hacking attack				 Ensure passwords are robust and regularly updated. Ensure date is regularly backed up and stored securely. 	 Inform insurance company (if necessary) Update security as required
Damage to Park/ allotments or other Amenity Area	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 Maintain adequate insurance cover. Carry out risk assessments 	 Secure Park Advise statutory authorities Access damage and advise insurance Prepare a recovery programme

Loss of council equipment due to fault, damage, breakdown or theft	High 4	Medium 2	8	 Maintain adequate insurance cover Ensure regular maintenance and checks of equipment are carried out Regularly review security arrangements 	 Report theft or criminal damage to police. Inform Insurance Company (If necessary) Arrange hire of temporary replacement equipment where possible. Arrange purchase of new equipment.
Loss of communications (Broadband/ telephones). (Long term)	LewMedi um 3	Unlikely Low 2	<u>6</u>	 Electronic data backed up on line and accessible from other locations. Use of mobile phones for communications. 	 Alternative accommodation hire with broadband access. Use of mobile phones and laptops.
Damage to Asbestos containing material - release of fibres contamination of affected area.	High 4	Unlikely Low 1	4	 Asbestos register maintained, annual inspections for damage and deterioration, contractors are informed prior to undertaking any work in the building. A complete copy of the register and survey is held by the Service 	 Initial evacuation of premises. Advise the Consultant Surveyor, H&S consultants & contact specialist asbestos removal contractors to undertake air testing and decontamination.

				Delivery Manager and the Consultant Surveyor.	Hire alternative accommodation as necessary.
Loss of Investment Money	High 4	Low 2	8	Maintain an adequate investment policy.	 Quantify loss & understand cause Take any immediate action to minimise the loss. Assess implication of services for remainder of year Review treasury management strategy policy Take action to adjust costs & make provision for any necessary loan/ change of priorities
Failure to calculate/ precept on time	Medium 3	Low 2	6	Timetable agenda item for members providing sufficient time for additional meetings if required	 Clerk/ RFO to inform members To contact Cornwall Council to make arrangements for late submission.

Failure to account for and recover VAT	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 VAT Returns are scheduled Appropriate accounting system in place to account for VAT appropriately Staff to receive the necessary council VAT training. To insure update information is received from the council's VAT consultant 	 Clerk/ RFO to inform members To liaise with the council's VAT consultant to rectify the issue.
Failure to stay within the agreed budgets/ inadequate precept	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 To ensure that all committees have input in to the annual budget setting. Members to build sound budget, using risk register and known commitments Insurance in place with insurer (Zurich) to cover major risk To ensure a sufficient contingency is place to mitigate the risk of unforeseen events. This policy to reviewed each year in conjunction with the rest of the reserves. This is reviewed on annual basis when setting the following year budgets 	 RFO/FO to inform the relevant committee Chair & Vice Chair Clerk to organise an extraordinary Policy and Finance committee if required. Resort to other funding sources or Public Works Loan Board Correct deficit via budget planning over subsequent years

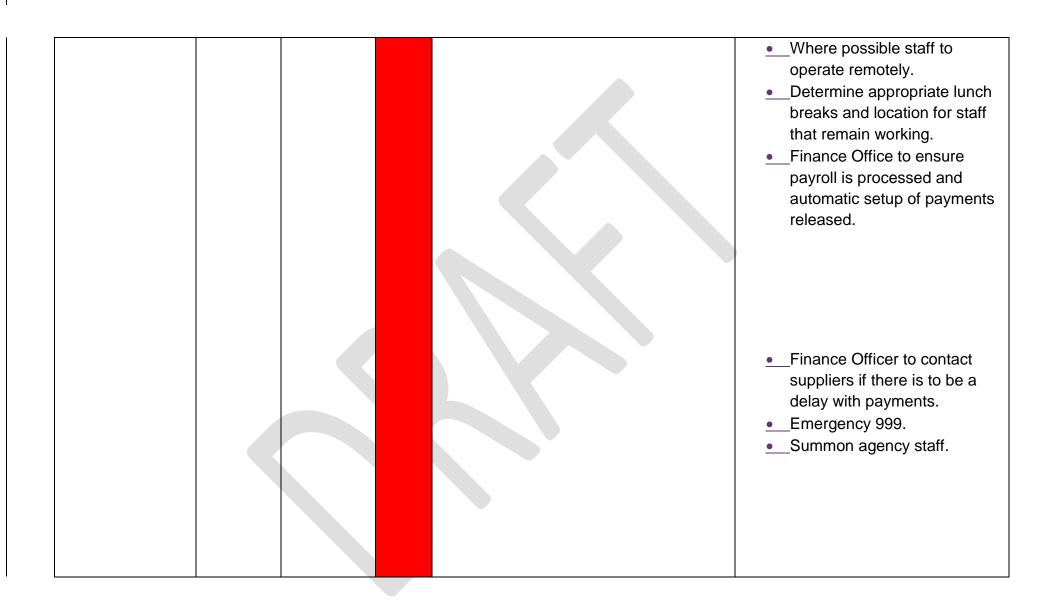
Failure to maintain fixed asset register.	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 That all the necessary fixed asset purchases are recorded and monitored on the asset register. Appropriate document e.g. invoices are kept for audit purposes. Internal audit is carried of the fixed asset register All staff are aware of the responsibilities of the fixed asset register. 	 Clerk to inform members and staff as appropriate. To liaise with the internal auditor as necessary
Allegation of libel or slander	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 Review all press releases or newsletter articles before release. Press protocol and social media policy in place 	Review insurance cover
Loss of money through fraud, theft, poor accounting systems	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 Ensure adequate internal controls are in place and these are documented Internal controls are at least checked annually by an internal auditor Informal monitoring, trust and spot checks Regular reporting to members through committee 	 Clerk to inform members as appropriate Insurance company is informed as appropriate. Investigation to take place with appropriate disciplinary action as necessary Police to be informed if appropriate.

Damage to third party property or individuals as a consequence of the council providing services or amenities to the public (Public Liability	Medium 3	Medium 3	9	 Investment strategy and policy priorities security and liquidity of funds Insurance in place to cover any resulting from financial losses. Annual review of insurance Limited cash kept on premises Only designated staff have keys to any safes Electronic banking procedure in place with secure passwords Segregation of Duties Regular health and safety risk assessments Regular safety checks Adequate insurance Training 	
Loss of Town Clerk/ Key Personnel due to resignation, incapacity, long	High 4	Medium 3	12	 Ensure staffing team are briefed, made aware of interim measures and aware of their responsibilities. 	 Mayor to contact next of kin Mayor to be informed, who will advise council and staff Mayor and Chair of Personnel to consider

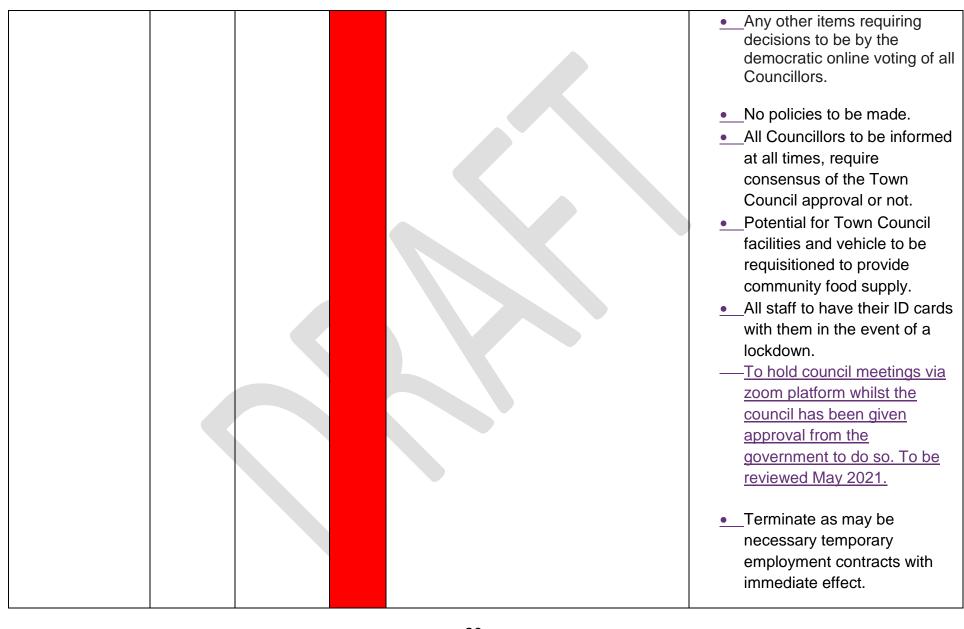
term illness or death				 Ensure all key tasks are prioritised. Access to log in details, keys and passwords are made available as necessary 	appointment of temporary cover Recruit temporary replacement Carry out recruitment process to appointment permanent replacement
Death or serious injury to member of staff whilst carrying out town council duties	Medium 3	Low 2	6	 Knowledge of duties with regard to Health & Safety Knowledge of duties with regard to employment law and staff supervision 	 Town Clerk inform council and other members of staff Insurance company informed (if appropriate) Health & Safety Executive informed (if necessary)
Employers Liability	Medium 3	Medium 3	9	 Ensure compliance with Employment Law through use of consultants (Moorepay) Comply with Inland Revenue requirements Legal compliance with council activities ensured through advice from staff, SLCC, NALC and solicitors when necessary. Advice recorded in the minutes. 	

Loss of Councillors due to multiple resignations (causing the council to be inquorate)	High 4	Low 2	8	 Co-option of Councillors from waiting list/ reserves by Cornwall Council if necessary 	 Clerk to inform remaining councillors and employees of the council Clerk to inform Cornwall Council Monitoring Officer Council to review procedure for recruitment of councillors.
Lack of public consultation by the council	Low 2	Low 2	4	 Ensure meetings publicised on notice boards & website. Use of Annual parish meetings Place articles in newsletters Include public participation on all council meeting agendas Ensuring seating available at meetings for the public Provide advice for members of the public attending Publish agenda and minutes on website/ notice boards Hold monthly meet your councillor sessions 	 Clerk to inform appropriate members and staff Appropriate action to be taken to rectify the issue.

Health	High	<u>LikelyMedi</u>		Town Clerk / Assistant Town	Close all public buildings.
Pandemic A pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus, which people have no	<u>4</u>	<u>um</u> <u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	Clerk to provide staff Government Guidelines and updates from Public Health England. Ensure regular deep cleaning is in place to try and slow the spread of the virus. Provide hand sanitiser, soap,	 Reduce services to all STC business. Until full Government guidance is given suspend all Full Town Council and Committee meetings and accept a blanket apology to
immunity to, emerges and starts spreading. Loss of life.				warm water and paper towels to avoid spreading the virus. Replace crockery with disposable paper cups and plates to mitigate the spread of germs whilst operating. Staff to inform their line manager	protect staff and councillors until further notice. Cancel bookings / events / activities. Review the Scheme of Delegation to ensure minimal disruption to the operations of
Loss of life.				if they start to feel unwell. Risk Assessments reviewed and updated regularly. Town Council to provide suitable materials and PPE to operate. Where this is not possible or due to none supply service to be shut down. Staff to shield / self-isolate.	the Town Council and its decision making. Notices displayed on buildings, website and social media to inform members of the public & signpost were possible. Divert switchboard to Town Clerk / Assistant Town Clerk
				•Stan to smeld / sell-isolate.	work mobiles & setup of automated system.



Health	High	<u>LikelyMedi</u>		 Staff and councillor welfare is 	 Where possible staff to work
Pandemic		<u>um</u>		paramount.	from home adhering to
Lockdown	4		<u>12</u>	 Safety of the community. 	Government guidelines.
		3		Town Clerk / Assistant Town	 Service Delivery Team to
				Clerk to provide staff and	operate where possible
				councillors Government	adhering to social distancing
				Guidelines and updates from	subject to risk assessments,
				Public Health England.	Government guidelines and
				Staff to shield / self-isolate.	the Town Council's approval.
					 Determine appropriate lunch
					breaks and location for staff
					that remain working.
					Until full Government
					guidance is given suspend all
					Full Town Council and
					Committee meetings and
					accept a blanket apology to
					protect staff and councillors
					until further notice.
					 To agree delegated authority
					powers by consensus to the
					Mayor, Deputy Mayor and
					Officers including closing or
					opening services as required
					and only spending on budget
					unless a matter of public or
					staff safety.



4. Responsibilities:

The Town Clerk will take the lead in the event of a major disruption advising the Mayor and Chairman of Personnel and summoning additional resources/personnel as required. In the absence of the Town Clerk the Assistant Town Clerk will take lead on this.

5. Insurances:

Saltash Town Council has insurance that covers employer's liability, public liability and risks to buildings a content. Full insurance details are held at the Guildhall.

6. Key/Alarm Fob holders contact list:

Saltash Town Council maintain a Key/Alarm holder contact list that is held internally and by the alarm monitoring company and police.

Main contacts list:

Function	Company	Contact number (s)
Gas		
Mains supply	National Gas Helpline	0800 111999 Emergency
Gas Safe Contractor	Jackman Peckover	01752 727999
Electric		
Mains supply	Western Power Distribution	105 Emergency
Electrical contractor	Pyramid	07828492597
Water		

Mains supply	South West Water	0344 3462020 Emergency
Plumber	Cormac	01872 324350 Emergency
Insurance		
Insurance Company	Zurich	01243 832116
Health and Safety		
H&S Consultant	Moorepay	Health and Safety Advice Line 0345 073 0240 Option 1.
HSE	HSE	01752 276300
Maintenance contractor	s	
Fire alarm	ASG	01752 848558
Fire extinguishers	Chubb	0844 8791666 / 0344 8791739
Building Consultant	Geoff Peggs	01752 847706 / 07712 797887
Air Conditioning	Cube Services	01752 696547
IT, Broadband and Landlines	IRQ	07801 930486 079 705 12349

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Public Health Eng	land 0121 424 3236 https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england
NHS	111