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Internal Audit Report for Crediton Hamlets Parish Council dated 27th May 2026

The internal audit was carried out on the 26th May 2026 examining all pertinent documents after checking the website of the Parish Council.

Internal control objectives A to N were checked alongside other items pertinent to good governance of the council – comments as follows.

- i. Council should consider a payroll server especially on the change of clerk. This would be beneficial to both the council and the clerk.
- ii. Internet banking should now be considered particularly as Council had £20,051 in one current account with Lloyds Bank. The rate of interest that Lloyds offers is very poor on their deposit account. Keeping funds in a current account is not a good use of Council monies. Unity Trust Bank is a good option for both a current account and a deposit account. This bank keeps the administrator of the accounts and the signatories separate – the clerk would be the administrator only, unlike with Lloyds where she is also a signatory. This is not good practice.

These findings are attached to the Internal Audit report and should be published on the council website.

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