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**REPORT**  
**Year ending March 2026**

I have reviewed all documents available on the Waterperry with Thomley parish council website, as well as all the documents supplied to me by the clerk such as the bank statements, financial records, purchase invoices, payroll records and VAT records.

The agenda & minutes of the council meetings are of excellent quality and they record well the processes and decision making of the council. Policies are all available on the website.

Having reviewed the information available, here are the issues that I feel need to be addressed by the council.

**1. Governance and Policies**

Some of the policies as they are available on the website on the date this report is written require reviewing as well as amendment as to the communication e-mail address.

**2. Payments**

It is pleasing to see that the backlog of payments relating to payroll and HMRC are now resolved.

The debit card that has been in use for the year is managed very well and all documentation is in place.

**3. Budgeting**

It is evident from the movement in the overall bank balances in the year that the precept set for 2025/6 was very tight.

I have had sight of the 2026/7 budget and feel that the request for the precept for 2027/8 needs to be greater than the rate of inflation.

This will provide the opportunity for the level of the general reserve to be maintained.

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