

ICT & GDPR Compliance Activities

At the February meeting of the Parish Council renewal of the subscription to Local Council Public Advisory Service (LCPAS) Data Protection Officer Service was approved at a cost of £150.00 (**Min 20.02.18.2 refers**). Despite repeated attempts to contact LPCAS by phone and e-mail, no response has been received, and no formal renewal invoice has been received from them. It has not therefore been possible to renew this subscription.

Although there is no requirement for a Parish Council to appoint a Data Protection Officer (it may), if appointed, the individual cannot, under law, be the Clerk.

The Council's insurers, BHIB, have recently advised of a Cyber Security package which is available and provides the following support:

- Direct access to a 24hr helpline in the event of an incident.
- A free 1 hour cyber and GDPR consultation with a compliance specialist, who is also a councillor.
- 10 free anti-virus licences and data breach alert software for your computers.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the scope of the package is more limited than that originally offered by LCPAS, in terms of GDPR, the package does provide sufficient anti-virus licences and data breach alert software to cover parish devices and one device for each councillor, which was identified as necessary in the recently adopted Financial Risk Assessment (**Min.20.04.12.2 refers**), specifically:

Online security	M	The Council installs, and keeps updated, anti-virus software on all computers used for Internet Banking.	Clerk to check parish laptops and that Cllrs have virus software on their computers
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A comparison of anti-virus software for the parish is set out below.

Provider	Cover	Cost per licence	Total Cost
TOTAL AV Total Security	Real-time Anti-virus Safe Browsing Windows/Android/Mac	£149 (currently discounted to £59) includes six licences	£118 after discount
Norton 360 Premium	Real-time Threat Protection Secure VPN Password Manager 75gb Cloud Backup SafeCam for PC (parental control)	1 Year £89.99 (discounted to £39.99) for up to 10 devices 2 Years £179.99 (discounted to £99.99)	£39.99 after discount
McAfee	Premium Anti-virus Safe web browsing Password manager with VPN	£79.99 (discounted to £34.99) Includes 5 devices	£69.98 after discount

The anti-virus software does not include any data-breach alert software.

The package from BHIB is available to all councils, not just existing policy holders, which would mean the Council could renew even if it were to move its insurance to another underwriter in the future.

Recommendation:

To authorise subscription to BHIB Cyber Security package for one year at a cost of £299.99.



Is your Council's data safe?



1 in every 4 councils
experienced a **cyber security incident**

between 2013 and 2017*, a survey has found

Spam emails, malicious login attempts and theft of public data are just a few ways that cyber criminals pose a threat to Councils.

As Councils hold significant amounts of sensitive information, cyber security is a growing concern. So far, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) have fined individual Councils **up to £150k** for data breaches.**



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* <https://bigbrotherwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Cyber-attacks-in-local-authorities.pdf>

**<https://ico.org.uk/action-weve-taken/enforcement/>