Sampford Courtenay Parish Council - Report for meeting on June 27th 2024

Subject: Parish email migration to .gov.uk email

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## 1. SUMMARY OF PURPOSE

1.1 To outline proposals for the migration of the current Councillor *g.mail* email accounts to the recommended *.gov.uk* format.

## 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 At the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 2024, the Clerk discussed the recommendation by the National Association of Local Councils ( NALC ) for Parish Council emails to migrate to a .gov.uk domain. (Minute 9.3.05/24) NALC strongly recommend the use of official email addresses for council work and recommend the use of an official .gov.uk email address for data protection, legitimacy of communications and creating a formal trustworthy brand. In addition,, the internal auditor and external auditors for the parish council have advised the council that the use of a recommended.gov.uk .address would be part of the 2025 audit.

The Parish Council had received information on the likely costs of the work and it was agreed that a full report would be brought to the June meeting. It was noted that there was no current budget available for this work in the 2024/25 budget. The financial implications would need to be considered if the work is to be undertaken in this financial year.

## 3. PROPOSAL

3.1 A description of works (specification) be put together by the Clerk with a minimum of 2 quotes for the work and a report brought to the September 2024 meeting.