**.gov.uk Website and Email for VoAPC Options and Recommendation**

**Background**

Current site is located at <http://vale-of-allen-pc.org.uk/> and will need to move to a .gov.uk address at some point in the near future. We have been also exploring setting up more standardised email addresses for the Councillors and Clerk. This is to help assist with accessibility and compliance for The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 and GDPR.

**Options**

There are 4 options available. These are the following:

1. Do nothing. Wait until the changes are forced upon us.
   1. Cost implication. £0
2. Purchase the .gov.uk website address only.
   1. Initial cost implication. £150.00
   2. Ongoing cost. £0.00 (year 2), £90.00 (year 3).
3. Purchase the .gov.uk website address and email facility.
   1. Cost implication. £366.00
   2. Ongoing costs. £216.00 (year 2), £306 (year 3).
4. Have a new .gov.uk website created for VoAPC and email facility.
   1. Cost implication. £1,551.00
   2. Ongoing costs. £461.00 (year 2), £526.00 (year 3).

**Recommendation**

I would propose that the VoAPC proceed with **Option C** this year. This would safeguard the Parish Council and allow us to raise our precept next financial year if the Parish wishes to proceed with Option D eventually.

