

## **New Alresford Town Council**

### Responsible Finance Officer's Report on Financial Systems

#### 1 Purpose of Report.

At the Finance Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July the RFO was asked to investigate alternative Financial Systems as highlighted in the Internal Audit report (date)

#### 2 Recommendation

2.1 That Full Council approve the RFO's recommendation to change from the current financial package to Omega supplied by RBS Quote appendix I attached.

2.2 That Full Council identify the required finances to proceed if 2.1 are approved.

2.3 That Full Council approve the immediate introduction of the new package. If 2.1 and 2.2 are approved

#### 3 Summary

The Internal Auditor advised in the Report presented to Council on xxxxxx and the Finance committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> July that the current Sage Package, whilst an excellent package for a Business, is was not suitable for a modern progressive Town Council.

There are 3 packages designed for the needs of small to medium Town and Parish Council's. These being, Edge, Omega, and Scribe.

Scribe is designed for small Parish councils and on investigation would not meet the needs of the Council.

Edge whilst a good package is limited in its reports that can be produced and is not the most user friendly system.

Omega is based around the principals of Sage but is adapted for Local councils needs and reporting. It is a very user friendly package.

The RFO would like to acknowledge the help and comments made on the three systems by fellow RFO's, Town/Parish Clerks and our Internal Auditor.