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Departmental Budget Monitoring Checklist

Budget Setup & Baseline Verification

Ensure the approved annual budget is correctly uploaded, categorized, and aligned with the current fiscal period's cost centers.

Budget Period Start Date

Enter date...

Budget Period End Date

Enter date...

Target Department

- [ ] Marketing
- [ ] Operations
- [ ] Sales
- [ ] Human Resources
- [ ] IT / Engineering
- [ ] Finance

Total Approved Budget Amount

Enter a number...

Verified Cost Centers

- [ ] Personnel Costs
- [ ] Software & Subscriptions
- [ ] Travel & Entertainment
- [ ] Office Supplies
- [ ] Marketing Spend
- [ ] Capital Expenditures

Approved Budget Master Document

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Verification Notes & Discrepancy Comments

Write something...

Budget Controller Approval

Monthly Variance Analysis

Compare actual expenditures against the budgeted amounts to identify significant discrepancies or overspends.

Analysis Period

Enter date...

Total Budgeted Amount

Enter a number...

Total Actual Expenditure

Enter a number...

Variance Amount

Enter a number...

Variance Status

- [ ] Favorable
- [ ] Unfavorable

Root Cause of Variance

Write something...

Supporting Financial Reports

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Department Head Approval

Expense Tracking & Categorization

Review all incoming invoices and transactions to ensure they are coded to the correct GL accounts and department codes.

Transaction Date

Enter date...

Vendor Name

Write something...

Transaction Amount

Enter a number...

GL Account Category

- [ ] Travel & Entertainment
- [ ] Office Supplies
- [ ] Software & Subscriptions
- [ ] Marketing & Advertising
- [ ] Professional Services
- [ ] Utilities & Rent

Budget Impact Flags

- [ ] Over Budget
- [ ] Unexpected Expense
- [ ] Recurring Cost
- [ ] One-time Cost

Receipt or Invoice Attachment

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Expense Justification/Notes

Write something...

Forecast & Re-forecasting Review

Update end-of-period projections based on current spending trends and adjust future month estimates accordingly.

Forecast Review Date

Enter date...

Projected End-of-Year Spend

Enter a number...

Forecast Accuracy Status

- [ ] On Track
- [ ] At Risk
- [ ] Significant Variance

Notes on Forecast Adjustments

Write something...

Updated Forecast Spreadsheet

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Variance Explanation & Documentation

Document detailed justifications for all material variances (favorable or unfavorable) to support management reviews.

Review Date

Enter date...

Variance Severity

- [ ] Low
- [ ] Medium
- [ ] High
- [ ] Critical

Variance Amount

Enter a number...

Root Cause Analysis

Write something...

Corrective Action Plan

Write something...

Supporting Evidence (Invoices/Receipts)

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Commitment & Accrual Review

Identify pending purchase orders, unbilled liabilities, and necessary month-end accruals that impact the budget.

Review Period End Date

Enter date...

Total Outstanding Purchase Orders Value

Enter a number...

Unprocessed Commitments Identified

- [ ] Open Purchase Orders
- [ ] Uninvoiced Deliveries
- [ ] Signed Contracts/SOWs
- [ ] Pending Requisitions

Description of Necessary Accruals

Write something...

Supporting Documentation (Invoices/Contracts)

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Budget Reallocation & Transfer Approval

Process and document any approved transfers of funds between budget lines or cost centers.

Transfer Reference Number

Write something...

Source Cost Center

Write something...

Destination Cost Center

Write something...

Transfer Amount

Enter a number...

Reason for Reallocation

Write something...

Effective Date of Transfer

Enter date...

Approval Status

- [ ] Pending Approval
- [ ] Approved
- [ ] Rejected

Supporting Documentation (e.g., Approval Email/Form)

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Department Head Approval

Reporting & Stakeholder Communication

Distribute finalized budget performance reports to department heads and senior management for review.

Report Distribution Date

Enter date...

Report Recipient

- [ ] Department Head
- [ ] Finance Director
- [ ] CFO
- [ ] Operations Manager

Distribution Channels

- [ ] Email
- [ ] Work OS Dashboard
- [ ] Management Meeting
- [ ] Shared Drive/Cloud Folder

Final Budget Variance Report

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Summary of Key Insights

Write something...

Reviewer Approval