

<b>Report to:</b>	Audit and Governance Committee	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	27 June 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Corporate Risk Management		
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Internal Auditor	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Cabinet Portfolio:</b>	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

**Summary:**

The Corporate Risk Register is presented to each meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee. Since the last Committee, the Corporate Risk Register has been fully updated, and two new risks identified. No risks have been removed or de-escalated from the Register.

**Recommendation(s):**

Members are requested to:

(1) Consider the updated Corporate Risk Register, in particular noting the nature of the major risks facing the Council, and the controls and planned actions in place to mitigate these.

**Reasons for the Recommendation(s):**

A robust system of risk management will assist the Council in meeting its identified objectives.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** (including any Risk Implications)

None

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, the Council benefits from the work of the section in reducing the impact and likelihood (and so the cost) of risk.

**(B) Capital Costs**

There are no direct capital cost implications arising from this report.

**Implications of the Proposals:**

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b> None
<b>Legal Implications:</b>  None
<b>Equality Implications:</b>  There are no equality implications.

**Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:** The management of control of risk is a major enabler to the delivery of the Council’s core purpose as set out below

Protect the most vulnerable: positive impact
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: positive impact
Commission, broker and provide core services: positive impact
Place – leadership and influencer: positive impact
Drivers of change and reform: positive impact
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: positive impact
Greater income for social investment: positive impact
Cleaner Greener: positive impact

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD5177/18) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD4401/18) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**(B) External Consultations**

No external consultation has been undertaken.

### **Implementation Date for the Decision**

With immediate effect

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### **Appendices:**

The following appendices are attached to this report:

- Corporate Risk Register
- Corporate Risk Management Handbook

### **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Risk Management is defined as ‘systematic application of principles, approach and processes to the task of identifying and assessing the risk and the planning and implementing of risk responses’.
- 1.2 The Council’s arrangements for managing risk are a key component of its corporate governance framework. These arrangements should provide assurance to those charged with governance that the uncertainties faced by the Council in delivering its Framework for Change and 2030 Vision are understood and are being mitigated.
- 1.3 The process of embedding a consistent system of risk management within the Council’s activities continues and is progressing positively. It is recognised that there is further development of the system needed, and officers are working towards this. This Committee also has a significant role, as per the Corporate Risk Management Handbook, in having overall responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the Council’s risk management framework, and ensuring that it is fit for purpose.
- 1.4 An updated Corporate Risk Register is presented at each meeting of this Committee. The Corporate Risk Register has been reviewed by senior officers so as to ensure that this reflects the most significant risks facing the Council, and shows how the Council is managing these. This should give members assurance that there is a robust corporate approach to the management of the most significant threats to the achievement of the Council’s objectives. The updated Corporate Risk Register is set out at Appendix A, for noting by the Committee.

## **2. Key Developments**

2.1 Since the March 2018 meeting of the Committee, the Corporate Risk Register has been fully reviewed and updated.

2.2 This has resulted in two new risks being identified by senior management:

- Failure to prepare adequately for financial sustainability post 2020

This relates to the risk that effective preparations are not in place, or do not meet expected milestones, in planning for the future Framework for Change from 2020 onwards.

- The Council is the victim of a cyber-attack

This relates to the heightened awareness in the sector of vulnerability to cyber-attack, recognising the potential impact of such an attack, and highlighting the controls that the Council has in place to mitigate its likelihood and impact.

2.3 No risks have been de-escalated from the Register.