

Policy, Finance & Development Committee

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Decision

Title:

Risk Management Update

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to Provide Members with an update on the Strategic Risk Register.

2. Recommendations

That Members note the review of the Strategic Risk Register (See Appendix)

3. Information

3.1. Review of the Strategic Risk Register

In line with the Risk Management Strategy (the Strategy), the Strategic Risk Register (see Appendix) has been reviewed by both the Heads of Service and Management Team. Only though risks due for review since the last report to this committee in October 2013 are reported upon below.

The normal review timescales for individual risks, as outlined in the Strategy are detailed in the table below.

| Inherent Risk Score | Frequency of Review | Inherent Risk Score | Frequency of Review |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 17 to 25 | Monthly | 3 to 4 | Six monthly |
| 10 to 16 | Two Monthly | 1 to 2 | Annually |
| 5 to 9 | Quarterly | | |

The outcome of the review process for all risks is shown in the table below.

| | Risk Description | Comments |
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| CR1 | Decreasing financial resources | Bullet point "Review of Financial Regulations" moved from "Further Management Actions/Controls" to "Existing Controls" Bullet point "Training on Contract Procedure Rules" added to "Further Management Actions/Controls" "Pooling/unpooling of NNDR" added to "Root Cause" "Exemption to Social Size Criteria" bullet point added to "Root Cause". "Local Business Rates and Council Tax Scheme" moved from "Further Management Actions/Controls" to "Existing Controls". |
| CR2 | Key supplier/partnership failure | Residual Risk Impact changed to 3 |
| CR3 | Political dynamics | No proposed change |
| CR4 | Reputation damage | Word "TEN" deleted from bullet point "Utilisation of" |
| CR5 | Effective utilisation of assets/buildings | Bullet point "Health and safety assessments – non depot buildings" changed to "Health and Safety assessments being carried out on all buildings". New bullet point "Production of a Health and safety Action Plan" Bullet point "Accommodation Reviewed" added to "Existing Controls" and deleted from "Further Management Actions" |
| CR6 | Regulatory Governance | No proposed change |
| CR7 | Failure to respond to a significant incident | New bullet point "New fire wardens and evacuation plan to be formulated" added to "Further Management Actions/Controls" Bullet point "Fire wardens and fire alarms" deleted from "Existing Controls" Bullet point "Coordination of Out of Hours service" added to "Further Management Actions/Controls" |
| CR8 | Organisational./transformational change | No proposed change |
| CR9 | Economy/regeneration | Bullet point "Pooling/unpooling of NNDR" added to "Root Cause" |
| CR10 | Increased fraud | No proposed change |

No other risks have been identified by officers to add to the Strategic Risk Register.

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Background Papers:

Risk Management Strategy Strategic Risk Register Operational Risk Registers

| Implications | | |
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| Financial (PL) | The cost of the risk management consultancy is included | |
| | in the cost of the Council's insurance cover. | |
| Risk (PL) | The reporting of risk forms an integral part of the risk | |
| | management function of the Council | |
| Equalities (KG) | An EIA needs to be undertaken of the Management | |
| | strategy | |
| Legal (KG) | It is important for a risk register to be maintained so that | |
| | contingency plans and risk assessments are continually | |
| | reviewed and updated. | |