

AUDIT COMMITTEE

24 JULY 2019

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.2 CORPORATE RISK UPDATE

(Report prepared by Clare Lewis)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present to the Audit Committee the updated Corporate Risk Register.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Corporate Risk Register is regularly updated and presented to the Audit Committee every 6 months. Was last updated in January 2019.
- The following table summarises the position at the end of the period under review with updated information provided within the register where necessary:

Item	Number
New Risks Identified	0
Risks Removed	0
Risk Score Amended	0
Risks Under Review	0
Risks Amended	3

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Audit Committee:

- a) Notes the updates provided to the current Corporate Risk Register;
- b) Considers the alternative risk register format at Appendix C.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

Risk assessment, monitoring and control forms the central tool for managing the strategic risks that may prevent the Council from achieving the corporate priorities as identified in the Corporate Plan and associated corporate goals.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and other resources

The risk management approach can be delivered within existing budgets.

Risk

The subject of risk and its management by the Council is set out in the main body of this report.

LEGAL

There are no specific legal implications.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

There are no other direct implications.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The Corporate Risk Register was last presented to the Committee in January 2019.

The Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee include a responsibility to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment. The Corporate Risk Register is therefore brought to the Committee at six monthly intervals to enable the Committee to fulfil its role.

CURRENT POSITION

Corporate Risk Management Framework

Although no changes have been identified as being required at this time, the framework is included at **Appendix A** for information only.

Corporate Risk Register

Since the Corporate Risk Register was reported to the Audit Committee in January 2019, no new risks have been identified – this will continue to be reviewed throughout the year, and changes will be reported to the committee in the next meeting in January 2020.

For completeness, the following table sets out all amendments to the Risk Register since it was last considered by the Committee.

Risk Register Item	Amendments / Comments
New Risks Identified	None
Risks Removed	None
Risk Scores Amended	None
Risk under review	None
Risks Amended	2c – Community Leadership Projects. Action owner amended due to an officer leaving the council. 1c – Ineffective communication/management of

information- update on the current situation provided.

6a – Loss of sensitive and/or personal data through malicious actions loss theft and /or hacking - update on the current situation provided.

During 2017/18 a review was carried out by the Council's internal audit team relating to risk Management. The following table sets out the recommendations identified and the current position against each action:

Agreed Action	Current Position
Management Team to promote the importance of operational risk management within the organisation and ensure that Senior Managers implement a process for identifying and mitigating risks in coordination with the Corporate Fraud and Risk Manager.	COMPLETED - As agreed by Management Team, the Fraud and Risk Manager continues to effectively promote the importance of operational risk management within the Council and attends Management Team meetings on a quarterly basis to provide timely updates.
One to one meetings will continue to take place between Senior Managers and the Corporate Fraud and Risk Manager to identify and record key operational risks within their service areas. Support to be provided by Internal Audit if required	COMPLETED - Reviews of the services departmental risk assessments have now been carried out by the councils corporate Fraud and Risk Manager. The Corporate Fraud and Risk Team will continue to review these documents and ensure they are updated at regular intervals by Senior Managers and provide any feedback to internal audit should it be deemed necessary.
Once all departmental risk registers are implemented, the Corporate Fraud and Risk Manager is to embed a quality control process for monitoring business risks and verifying the recorded mitigating controls. This should involve process walkthrough's, reviews of supporting documentation and assessments of target dates / resources required to implement controls	Reviews of the departmental risk assessments during this process were carried out to consider if the councils business risks were being addressed and to provide help and support where necessary and assist in implementing control measures if a need was identified. This action has now taken place and feedback has been given to internal audit in relation to this outstanding matter. Consideration is being given to the format of the current Corporate Risk Register to better reflect the actions of officers and TDC over the financial year, including review dates. The proposed alternative format is

	provided as Appendix C, using 3 existing risks as examples and reflecting on discussions with the Council's insurer / risk advisor.
Follow up item	

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION
None

APPENDICES
Appendix A – Risk Management Framework Appendix B – Corporate Risk Register Appendix C – Proposed Alternative Risk Register Format