

REPORT TO:	GENERAL PURPOSES AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 23 March 2016
AGENDA ITEM:	13
SUBJECT:	Corporate Risk Register
LEAD OFFICER:	Assistant Chief Executive Corporate Resources & S151 Officer
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Simon Hall, Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
<p>This report presents the corporate risk register as at March 2016 as part of the General Purposes and Audit Committee's role of overseeing the risk management framework and receiving assurance that significant corporate (Red) risks are identified and mitigated by the organisation. This process will ensure that the risk management function will continue to contribute to the achievement of the Council's vision, key priorities and objectives.</p> <p>In line with the Council's commitment to openness and transparency, the corporate risk report will appear in Part A of the agenda unless there is specific justification for any individual entries being considered under Part B (set out under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).</p>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: No additional direct financial implications.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: N/A	

1.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

Note the contents of the corporate risk register as at March 2016.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 The report updates the General Purposes & Audit Committee Members on the corporate risk register (the register) as at March 2016.

3. DETAIL

Risk Register Report

3.1 The register presented details all the current corporate risks rated at a total risk score of 20 and above (Red Risks).

3.2 The risk register is a live document, whereby work is continually undertaken to mitigate identified risks and identify new risks. Officers will update the committee on any further actions being taken to mitigate the risks identified in Appendix 1.

3.3 The continual identification of risks and implementation of mitigating actions supports the Council to deliver its services differently and efficiently through a large scale change and innovation programme. The Council is operating in an environment of significant funding cuts, including managing in-year funding cuts, an increase in demand for services and changing legislative requirements.

3.4 Since the register was last considered by Members, on 9th December 2015, the following risks have been amalgamated into Risk RCSCFS0080 (16/17 Funding Envelope):

- CFLSCF0014: Costs pressures related to Looked After Children
- CFLSCF0024: SEN Transport cost/demand pressures
- DASHYA0050: Adult Care Packages cost/demand

Risk DASHHN0038: (Increasing rate of homelessness and demand for social housing) has been disaggregated to allow for the control measures being developed in the Gateway programme to be properly reflected as follows :

- DASHHN0039: Lack of supply of temporary accommodation and affordable private and public sector accommodation
- PEGWS0018: Increasing cost of residents in emergency accommodation

No other risks have been escalated to red status since the report was last considered by Members.

3.5 In line with the Council's commitment to openness and transparency, the register will appear with the corporate risk report in Part A of the agenda unless, in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution there is specific justification for any individual entries being considered under Part B (set out under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

3.6 It should be noted that some of the grounds for exemption from public access are absolute. However, for others such as that in para.3, 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)', deciding in which part of the agenda they will appear,

is subject to the further test of whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. .

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 There are no additional financial considerations arising from this report.

(Approved by Dianne Ellender, Deputy S151 Officer)

5. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

5.1 The Council Solicitor advises that there are no additional legal considerations arising from this report.

(Approved by: Gabriel MacGregor, Head of Corporate Law, on behalf of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer)

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

6.1 There are no Human Resources implications in relation to this issue.

(Approved by Heather Daley, Head of HR Consultancy)

7. EQUALITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACTS

7.1 None

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 No further risk issues other than those detailed in the report.

9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 Information contained in the Council's Risk register or held in relation to the Council's risk management procedures may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act subject to the application of any relevant exemptions, such as commercial sensitivity and whether disclosure was in the 'public interest'.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None