

Corporate Risks 2015/16

Corporate Plan Action	Corporate Risk
Cutting Council Tax in 2015-16 and keeping the Council Tax as low as possible thereafter, and increasing our income whilst maintaining or improving our services and providing support to the vulnerable	External factors, such as the reforms to local government finance, negatively impact on Council's finances And The reform of council tax benefits will adversely impact some people currently in receipt of benefits
Continually improving financial management and ensuring the Council remains financially sound	The council does not make sufficient progress against savings targets identified in the MTFS to achieve the necessary savings And Contracts with third parties do not benefit the Council & Community financially
Increasing the emphasis on demonstrable value for money	The council does not make sufficient progress against savings targets identified in the MTFS to achieve the necessary savings
Planning for a future in which there will be little or no “core” Government funding, including a strategy for the measured and careful use of reserves	External factors, such as the reforms to local government finance, negatively impact on Council's finances
Effectively consulting with our partners and local communities, councils and the voluntary sector to ensure value for money, democracy and localism are at the heart of everything we do	The council does not demonstrate how consultation responses have been taken into account when formulating policy
Working closely with the Armed Forces at Carver Barracks	Negligible risk
Keeping Uttlesford safe	Partner organisations unable to provide sufficient resources in times of austerity to implement new strategies
Focusing on key services that are deliverable so that what we do we do well	Range of services provided by the council too broad to allow necessary focus

Promoting equitable, diverse, healthy and safe living and working	Failure to embed sound equality & diversity, health & safety and corporate governance principles throughout the authority, which would make it difficult to then promote these ideals to the community
Setting a high example by exemplary corporate governance and standards	Failure to embed sound equality & diversity, health & safety and corporate governance principles throughout the authority, which would make it difficult to then promote these ideals to the community
Creating a single point of access to services provided by the public and voluntary sectors	Partner organisations unable or unwilling to sign-up to shared service delivery model
Having a robust and relevant Local Plan so we continue to meet local housing needs, especially high quality affordable and local authority housing.	Failure to meet objectively assessed housing need and identify suitable deliverable sites
Enabling communities to develop neighbourhood plans that protect and enhance local facilities	Local communities do not have adequate resource to carry out the necessary work
Working closely with Essex CC including to ensure our roads and pavements are maintained to a high standard	Highways Panel unable to deliver expectations owing to ECC financial constraints
Delivering on our energy efficiency policies	Changes to government eco-programme mean deadlines cannot be met and grant funding becomes unavailable
Improving environmental management and enforcement against planning contraventions and environmental crime	Council is not made aware of potential breaches of planning control
Encouraging the renovation of heritage assets	Aspirations outstrip available resources to improve heritage assets
Enhancing economic prosperity through the Local Enterprise Partnerships, the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium, the West Essex Alliance of local authorities and businesses and working with	All partners' agendas are not aligned and what is delivered for the wider area is not in the best interest of the Uttlesford district

local businesses to encourage future skills development and growth	
Working with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities	Decisions made by the LSP do not inform Council policy
Promoting our town centres and enhancing town centre car park provision	Inability to implement the economic strategy could lead to failure to support existing business and attract new investment
Working with the owners of Stansted Airport to ensure economic and social benefits that also secure an overall environmental improvement - and maintaining vigilance against a 2 nd runway	Aspirations of airport owners conflict with the council's views on appropriate development and with community interests