

**Council meeting – 18 February 2010**  
**Item 7 (ii) – item referred from other committees**

PS60            **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND UPDATE**

Members considered a report presenting the Council's new Risk Management Strategy, and providing an update on what was being done to progress and embed risk management throughout the authority. The Chief Executive said he wished to thank Councillor Yarwood for his great help in preparing the strategy.

Councillor Barker asked about business continuity aspects of the strategy. The Business Improvement and Performance Manager said this aspect and provisions relating to health and safety were being reviewed and would be included in a revised draft.

Councillor Wilcock said this was an excellent document, and that the main task was to embed the culture of risk management in the organisation, which would take time. Councillor Yarwood suggested setting a date for review to assess progress of embedding risk management, and to impose dates by which tasks should be completed. He acknowledged the helpful approach of officers in embracing this brief.

The Chief Executive confirmed, in reply to a question, that he would be taking the strategy forward. The Chairman noted the role given to the Strategic Management Board, and that a risk management champion, Councillor Yarwood, was appointed under the strategy. The Head of Community Engagement said the day to day responsibility for putting together the insurance framework would rest with the Business Improvement Team with his input.

The Chairman thanked officers and Councillor Yarwood for what was a huge step forward in producing a clear strategy.

RESOLVED that, subject to the revisions referred to in the Minute the Committee endorse the Risk Management Strategy and recommend its approval to Full Council.