

Committee: Performance Select Committee
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Summary

- 1 The Council has arrangements in place to ensure risks to the Council achieving its objectives are identified and managed. This report is to inform Members of the Corporate and Operational Risks currently above the Corporate Risk Appetite.

Recommendations

- 2 None

Background Papers

- 3 Previous Risk Management Update reports to this Committee
The Council's Risk Management Strategy
Corporate Risk Register
Operational Risk Register

Impact

Communication/Consultation	There may be ineffective communication and consultation if the Council fails to manage its communications/consultation.
Community Safety	There may be implications for the community and its safety if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.
Equalities	There may be inequalities if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.
Finance	There may be financial implications if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.
Human Rights	Human Rights may be infringed if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.
Legal implications	Litigation may result if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.

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Sustainability	There may be sustainability implications if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.
Ward-specific impacts	All wards may be affected if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks.
Workforce/Workplace	The Council's workforce may be affected if the Council fails to manage its significant business risks

Situation

- Since the previous report to the Committee, the further review and monitoring of the Corporate and Operational Risk Registers has taken place. This report is to make Members aware of the risks currently being monitored by the Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG).

Corporate Risks and Operational Risks above the Corporate Risk Appetite

The Council's Corporate Risk Appetite is '6' (calculated as being the product of the likelihood and impact of a risk), all risks rated above 6 were flagged as red on Covalent and reviewed by the RMSG. Risk Managers provided updates as to the progress of reducing the risk score, all of these risks are being monitored by the RMSG and will be reviewed at its next meeting 19 January 2008.

The previous meeting of this Committee were informed of the 7 Corporate Risks rated above the corporate risk appetite of 6, the most recent report form Covalent shows this has now been reduced to 3 (appendix 1).

There are currently 20 Operational Risks above the corporate risk appetite of 6 which have been reviewed and are being monitored by the RSMG (appendix 2).

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Council fails to manage its significant business risks resulting in criticism and declining performance	1 = Little or no Likelihood The Council is in the process of embedding Risk Management throughout	3 = Significant impact – action required Failure to manage business risk could lead to	Risk Management Strategy Risk Management Steering Group Corporate and Operational Risk Registers Performance Select Committee

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	the authority	inability to meet corporate and operational objectives and Adverse audit Commission report and damage to the Authority's reputation	
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