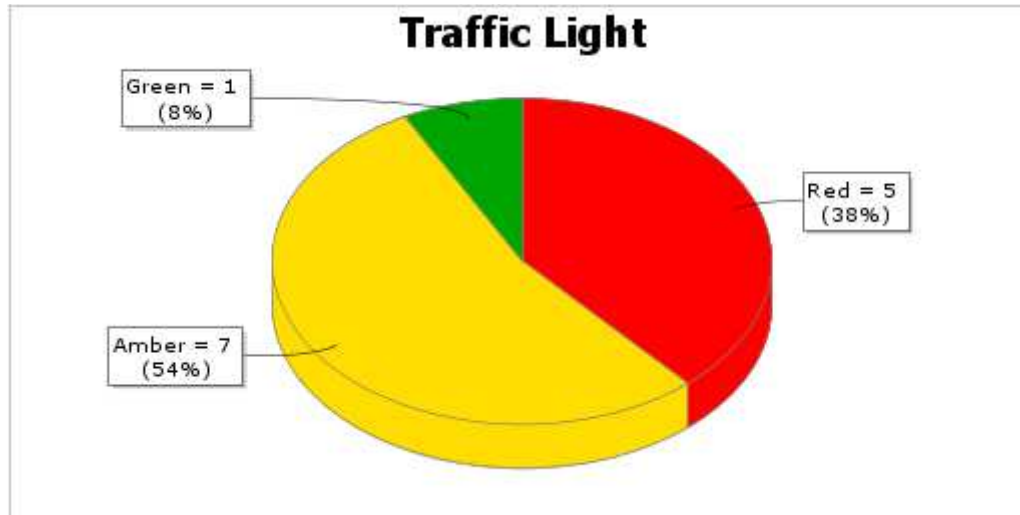




Revised Corporate and Strategic Risk Register 2011-12 - Quarter 2





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12-CR-ENV-01 Affordable Housing	Failure to find a balance between the delivery of affordable housing, in order to meet the need for accommodation, and sourcing sites acceptable to the community	3	3	3	3	9		3	2	Adherence to the Core Strategy timetable coupled with consistent communication and community engagement. Strong political leadership to ensure adoption of Local	Shortfall in a demonstrable supply of land for housing within 5 years being addressed through Development Management processes. Engagement with ward members and

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										Development Framework	local councils to supplement work programme of LDF member working group. Neighbourhood plans being explored with interested local councils supported by external funding bids.
12-CR-ENV-02 Risk of increased recycling costs	Risk of increased costs due to fluctuating pricing structure for recyclable materials and increasing cost of landfill.	3	3	3	3	9		2	3	Regular monitoring of market to ensure the council realises the best value for money for recyclable materials	Procurement exercise with other interested Essex waste collection authorities to obtain best prices for co-mingled dry recyclables
12-CR-ENV-03 Lack of public engagement in recycling scheme	Public fails to engage in new recycling scheme resulting in recycling rate not increasing.	3	2	3	2	6		2	2	Continued communication with residents about the importance of recycling to further increase the district's recycling rate. Introduction of waste service improvements including garden waste collection	Communications plan is being implemented. Incentives to early sign up for garden waste bins to be communicated

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12-CR-ENV-04 Potential increase in environmental crime	Potential for more cases of environmental crime leading to increased pressures on enforcement and other service areas and possible complaints	3	2	3	2	6		2	2	Training for Enforcement officers and closer working with PCSO's leading to an increase in the number of fixed penalty notices issued	One officer has already received training on the issue of FPNs. Policies and procedures currently being drawn up and contact to be made with the police to secure involvement of PCSOs
12-CR-ENV-05 Lack of available funds for Highways improvement	Little money available for Highways improvements due to pressures on County Council budget	3	3	3	3	9		2	3	Targeted improvements in district due to local member involvement in Highways Panel/Locality Board	Leader to meet with ECC Leader to discuss Locality Boards and proposals for strengthening and deepening relationship between county and district councils
12-CR-FIN 01 Insufficient progress against savings	The council does not make sufficient progress against savings targets identified in the MTF5 to achieve the necessary savings.	4	1	4	1	4		4	1	A Corporate Team was established in 2010. Savings achieved to date have been approx £1 million per annum	Work continues on securing the remaining £1 million per annum reduction. Major projects currently being implemented include changes to the waste service, revenues and benefits partnership,

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											replacement ICT systems and staff benefits reduction
12-CR-FIN 02 External factors impact negatively on Council's finances	External factors, such as the reforms to local government finance, negatively impact on Council's finances	3	3	3	3	9		2	2	Work with local government partners to share the risks and benefits of reform	The Council has submitted consultation responses to DCLG and final proposals are awaited. Meanwhile, discussions are being held between Essex local authorities about opportunities for joint working and risk sharing.
12-CR-PAR-01 Key partners unable to contribute to LSP	Key partners are unable to contribute to the LSP because of changes elsewhere in the public sector. The concept of the Big Society may be difficult to communicate	2	3	2	3	6		2	2	Optimise the Localism agenda and ensure that the Council retains its commitment to supporting the voluntary sector where this provides demonstrable value for money. Ensure continued engagement with partners and the community through channels such as Citizens	The Uttlesford Futures Assembly on 27th October was successful and raised many issues about the future of the LSP which were discussed at the Board meeting on 2nd November. The Board will meet in January to set a new direction for the LSP. There is commitment

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										Panel, Community Forums and Tenant Forum. Review the working of the LSP to ensure it meets the needs of the council, its partners and the community.	from all parties that the LSP should continue but that change is needed West Essex work continues
12-CR-PEO-01 Failure to embed Equality & Diversity and H&S	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	3	2	3	2	6		3	1	Necessary information available to all staff and regular training given	Steady progress being made in partnership with South Cambs DC
12-CR-PEO-02 Failure to provide and implement a sound economic strategy	Failure to provide and implement a sound economic strategy which could lead to a failure to support existing businesses and attract new investment	3	2	3	2	6		3	1	Develop and implement a sound economic strategy in conjunction with West Essex partners and allocate budget to support this work	West Essex Alliance has identified three early priorities for action at its meeting on 13 October. Senior officer steering group of West Essex to progress Alliance actions

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12-CR-PEO-03 Risk of adverse impact from reform of council tax benefits	The reform of council tax benefits could adversely impact some people currently in receipt of benefits.	3	2	3	2	6		2	2	Work with JobCentre Plus to promote change to system and maximise employment opportunities	Consultation response submitted by deadline. Await further guidance around precise proposals. Discussion being held with Harlow and potential ICT suppliers about a joint scheme
11-SR-01 Disruption of Council business	Disruption of council business e.g. due to loss of building, widespread staff absence or extreme weather conditions	4	2	4	2	8		3	2	Ensure that emergency plans are in place to provide frontline services. Maintain regular engagement in emergency planning activities, close liaison with county council and regular communication with residents. Ensure relevant HR policies are in place and understood	Business continuity plan in the process of being reviewed. Emergency planning exercises planned for the remainder of the council year.
11-SR-02 Risk of major emergency	Major emergency at the airport e.g. due to plane crash, terrorism etc.	2	1	2	1	2		2	1	Ensure that emergency plans are in place and that there is regular liaison with airport	Regular meetings between the EPO and the airport operator take place. EPO

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										operator and engagement in emergency planning activities	and other staff take part in emergency planning exercises at and involving the airport