

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM
TO THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

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Portfolio: Corporate and Service Improvement, People and Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To provide Members with the reviewed Risk Management Policy Statement and Strategy documents.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:-

- (a) Note the current Risk Management Policy and Strategy for the 2019/20 year, subject to changes listed in the documents, and note that the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council have agreed and signed the Risk Management Policy Statement.**

Reasons

The risk management process previously adopted by the council has been reviewed to incorporate changes in the way the council works and to provide continuity and streamlined reporting of risks to the necessary stages so that it becomes further embedded at each level of the authority. This will further develop the identification of key risks that potentially threaten the delivery of the corporate priorities. The new Risk Management Strategy will provide a formal and proportionate framework to manage these identified risks and thus reduce the council's exposure.

To assist the council in its corporate ambitions by helping deliver effective corporate governance, this proactive approach also helps demonstrate good risk management in terms of evidencing that effective risk management is further embedded within corporate business processes.

1. Background

- 1.1 The council monitors and manages all its risks through the various risk profiles contained within GRACE (Governance Risk and Control Environment) – the council's software for recording and managing risk.
- 1.2 The council currently reviews its High Red 9 risks at least monthly and its Medium Amber risks at least quarterly.
- 1.3 Risk owners are challenged by the Risk Champions in respect of controls, further actions, ratings and emerging risks and challenge reasons for inclusion or non-inclusion and amendment of these.
- 1.4 Projects are managed to a high level in relation to risk and are reviewed in accordance with the Risk Management Strategy (i.e. at least monthly).

2. **Issues**

2.1 None

3. **Strategic, Operational, Project and Partnership Risk Registers (Appendices)**

3.1 The Council regularly reviews and refreshes its risk registers in accordance with the Risk Management Strategy.

3.2 These reviews are co-ordinated by the Strategic Risk Champion who works closely with Directors, Operational Risk Champions and Risk Owners.

3.3 The risk map below shows the descriptions of the ratings, for ease of use.

L I K E L I H O O D	High	7 Amber	8 Amber	9 High Red
	Medium	4 Green	5 Amber	6 Amber
	Low	1 Green	2 Green	3 Amber
		Low	Medium	High
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4. **Issues**

4.1 **Risk Management Policy and Strategy**

Appendix A is the reviewed and updated policy to be accepted and communicated to all officers and Members.

5. **Outcomes Linked to Corporate and Sustainable Community Priorities**

5.1 Good risk management is a key part of the overall delivery of the Council's four corporate priorities of:

- Local Services that Work for Local People.
- Growing our People and Places.
- A Healthy, Active and Safe Borough.
- A Town Centre for all.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, state that:

*“The relevant body **is** responsible for ensuring that the financial management of the body is adequate and effective and that the body has a sound system of internal control, which facilitates the effective exercise of that body’s functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk”*

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 There are no differential equality impact issues in relation to this report.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 None where actions are to be taken in order to mitigate the risks as these will be met from within existing budgets. Where this is not possible, further reports will be submitted to Members.

9. **List of Appendices**

Appendix A

10. **Background Papers**

2018/19 Risk Management Strategy and Policy documents agreed in 2018.