

Profile of current strategic risks

Amber 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16

The following are the reported strategic risks that are currently/were previously assessed as high/medium (10 +) that the Council faces in delivering its corporate priorities

Risk ref	Ris	k titl	e and	desc	ription				Previous score	Direction of travel	Current score	Target score and date
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	Likelihood	5 4 3 2 1	1	2	3 mpact	4	15					

Risk	Risk title and description	Previous	Direction of	Current	Target score
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4 01/14	Medium Term Financial Strategy If the Council does not manage the risks associated with the successful delivery of its medium term financial strategy including the continual review of the assumptions and projections of the strategy, the effective management of the key MTFS programmes and projects then this may exhaust reserves, result in the potential loss of democratic control and the inability of the Council to deliver essential services and discharge its statutory duties.	12 Amber		12 Amber	8* Amber Ongoing
	Risk owner: Keith Ireland Cabinet Member: Cllr Andrew Johnson 5 4 9004 12 1 1 2 3 4 5 Impact				
7 01/14	Safeguarding If the Council's safeguarding procedures and quality assurance processes are not consistently and effectively implemented then it will fail to safeguard children and vulnerable adults and lead to reputational damage. Risk owner: Linda Sanders Cabinet Member: Cllr Val Gibson and Cllr Sandra Samuels	10 Amber		10 Amber	5 Amber Next Ofsted inspection

Risk ref	Risk title and description	Previous score (June 2016)	Direction of travel	Current score (August 2016)	Target score and date
8 01/14	Business Continuity Management (BCM) Failure to develop, exercise and review plans and capabilities that seek to maintain the continuity of critical functions in the event of an emergency that disrupts the delivery of Council services. Risk owner: Linda Sanders (Ros Jervis) Cabinet Member: Cllr Paul Sweet	10 Amber		10 Amber	8 Amber December 2016
	5 4 900 3 2 10 1 1 2 3 4 5 Impact				
10 01/14	Economic Inclusion If the Council and its partners do not work effectively together to promote and enable growth then the risk of economic exclusion will materialise and demand for Council services will continue to increase. Risk owner: Tim Johnson (Keren Jones) Cabinet Member: Cllr John Reynolds	12 Amber		12 Amber	8* Amber September 2017
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14 01/14	If the charter star	ie C Illen Idar Cou Ierpe	Improvement ouncil does not provide effective support, ge and appropriate intervention to raise ds in schools and school governance, then uncil and these schools are at risk of erforming, receiving inadequate Ofsted ents and a potential loss of control and ce.	10 Amber		5** Amber	5* Amber
			vner: Julien Kramer t Member: Cllr Claire Darke				
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16 01/14	Sig	r red	Pay ant equal pay liabilities have been dealt with cent years. However, equal pay will remain tially significant risk until: the second generation claims, from trade union members, have been dealt with. six years after the implementation of single status, until that time "Abdullah" type claims can still be brought.	8 Amber		8 Amber	4 Amber March 2017
			vner: Mark Taylor t Member: Cllr Andrew Johnson				
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	pool	3					
	Likelihood	2	8				
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01/14								propriate to ensure:	Amber		Amber	Amber March 2017
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	Likelihood	2										
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Risk ref	Risk title and description	Previous score	Direction of travel	Current score	Target score and date
9 01/14	City Centre Regeneration If the city centre regeneration programme is not effectively managed in terms of project timings, costs and scope, then it will be unable to maximise	(Feb 2016) 8 Amber		June 2016) 8 Amber	8* Amber
	 the attraction of private sector investment the creation of space to accommodate new businesses and economic growth the enhancement and creation of visitor attractions the creation of well paid employment retention of skilled workers the creation of residential opportunities a functioning city centre offer that serves the residents of the City increased prosperity and a reduced demand on Council services 				
	Risk owner: Tim Johnson Cabinet Member: Cllr John Reynolds				
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15	Em	erge	ency	Plann	ing				6		4**	4*
01/14	Failure to develop, exercise and review plans and capabilities for preventing, reducing, controlling or mitigating the effects of emergencies in both the response and recovery phases of major a incident. Risk owner: Linda Sanders (Ros Jervis) Cabinet Member: Cllr Roger Lawrence and Cllr Paul Sweet							ontrolling or n both the or a incident.	Amber		Amber	Amber
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^{*} The target assessment for these risks remains constant as they are risks which are likely to remain at their current level over the medium term and as such also may not have target dates.

^{**} Further details to support the reduction in the assessment of these risks are included below.

14 O1/14 School Improvement O1/14 If the Council does not provide effective support, challenge and appropriate intervention to raise standards in schools and school The risk continues to be managed by the Assistant Director (School Standards). Since last reported, the following has been noted an contributed to the reduction in risk score: The implementation of the Wolverhampton School Improvement and Governance Strategy has been reviewed by Internal Auditoria.	Risk Risk t	sk title and description	Comment
O1/14 If the Council does not provide effective support, challenge and appropriate intervention to raise standards in schools and school Standards). Since last reported, the following has been noted an contributed to the reduction in risk score: • The implementation of the Wolverhampton School Improvem and Governance Strategy has been reviewed by Internal Aug		on the and description	Comment
these schools are at risk of underperforming, receiving inadequate Ofsted judgements and a potential loss of control and influence. Risk owner: Julien Kramer Cabinet Member: Cllr Claire Darke Schools at the highest risk continue working in strong local partnerships. Where schools "Require Improvement" and have demonstrated the capacity to improve themselves, these are being moved into local partnerships that can support school improvement and ensure that no schools in the City fall into Special Measures moving forward. The School Standards Service continues to run a targeted at effective training programme for school leadership at every land the schools. The Council will continue to work with Schools to ensentiate in schools. The Council will continue to work with Schools to the DE and the Regional Schools Commissioner to monitor standards of education in academies. At end of key-stage 2 in 2016 the City achieved 52% of its pattaining the expected level of development for their age in a three subjects (reading, writing and maths). This places us ju 1% below the current national figure of 53% and we expect timprove further once the validated results are available in January. Wolverhampton is 3% above the regional average, ranked top in Birmingham and the Black Country, fourth in the whole of the West Midlands, second amongst its statistical neighbours and 79th in the league table across the country (152). The City's overall percentage of pupils attaining 5 GCSE's (Including English and maths) in 2015/2016 has risen by a ft 6% to 58%. This has bucked the national trend which has reportedly seen a fall in this measure and therefore should to the 6% rise in results that the City experienced in 2015/20	01/14 If the effect approstand gover these under Ofste of cor Risk of Cabir	ne Council does not provide ective support, challenge and propriate intervention to raise indards in schools and school wernance, then the Council and ese schools are at risk of derperforming, receiving inadequate sted judgements and a potential loss control and influence. Sk owner: Julien Kramer binet Member: Cllr Claire Darke 5	 The implementation of the Wolverhampton School Improvement and Governance Strategy has been reviewed by Internal Audit. The review provided substantial assurance with only two green areas for development which have now been actioned. The Strategy continues to have a positive impact on the improvements in Ofsted outcomes. As at August 2016 the City has met its target of having 83% good or better schools. Schools at the highest risk continue working in strong local partnerships. Where schools 'Require Improvement' and have not demonstrated the capacity to improve themselves, these are being moved into local partnerships that can support school improvement and ensure that no schools in the City fall into Special Measures moving forward. The School Standards Service continues to run a targeted and effective training programme for school leadership at every level. The programme runs parallel to the Council's School Improvement and Governance Strategy and has had very positive outcomes after the first year of this programme. The feedback so far has been positive with clear impact already being seen in schools. The Council will continue to work with Schools to embed benefits in subsequent years. The School Standards Service continues to work very closely with the DfE and the Regional Schools Commissioner to monitor standards of education in academies. At end of key-stage 2 in 2016 the City achieved 52% of its pupils attaining the expected level of development for their age in all three subjects (reading, writing and maths). This places us just 1% below the current national figure of 53% and we expect this to improve further once the validated results are available in January. Wolverhampton is 3% above the regional average, is ranked top in Birmingham and the Black Country, fourth in the whole of the West Midlands, second amongst its statistical neighbours and 79th in the league table across the country (out of 152). The City's overall percentage of pupils

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