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Audit and Risk Committee

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Report title	Covid-19 Risk Register and Strategic Risk Register	
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Recommendations for noting:

The Committee is asked to note:

1. The Council's Covid-19 risk register which details the risks faced by the Council as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, as at Appendix 1.
2. The latest summary of the Council's Strategic Risk Register which has been updated to reflect the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic as at Appendix 2.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To keep members of the Audit and Risk Committee aware of the new and emerging risks the Council faces as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and to update the Committee with regards to impacts on the Council's existing strategic risks.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Council is no different to any organisation and will always face risks in achieving its objectives. Sound risk management can be seen as the clear identification and management of such risks to an acceptable level.
- 2.2 The strategic risk register was last presented to the Committee in March 2020. Since this time, the Covid-19 global pandemic has had a significant impact on the risks faced by the Council. In addition, the Council's response to the pandemic has resulted in a significant change to Council services and the way in which those services are being delivered. This unprecedented environment has resulted in decisions being taken at speed, in accordance with the information available at time and government guidance and directives.
- 2.3 In addition, to the impact on existing risks the pandemic has also resulted in a number of new and emerging risks impacting on the Council and the City. The Council is responding to the global pandemic whilst ensuring the delivery of statutory functions and at the same time continuing service delivery where possible.
- 2.4 The purpose of this report is to highlight the new key risks that the Council faces and the impact of the crisis on existing strategic risks, along with details of the steps being taken to mitigate these risks.
- 2.5 The Covid-19 and strategic risk registers do not include all the risks that the Council faces. It represents the most significant risks that could potentially impact on the achievement of the Council's objectives. Other risks are captured within directorate, programme, project or partnership risk registers in line with the Council's corporate risk management framework.
- 2.6 A detailed summary of the Council's Covid-19 risk register is included at Appendix 1 of this report which sets out the status of the risks as at May 2020. A summary of the Council's pre-existing strategic risk register including the impact of the global pandemic on these risks is attached at appendix 2. These risks are reviewed on an on-going basis and can be influenced by both external and internal factors and as such, may fluctuate over time.

3.0 Progress

3.1 Both risk registers will be updated as required and presented at approximately quarterly intervals to the Committee.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report as Councillors are only requested to note the risk register summary. Financial implications may arise from the implementation of strategies employed to mitigate individual corporate risks, but these will be evaluated and reported separately if required.
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5.0 Legal implications

5.1 Although there may be some legal implications arising from the implementation of the strategies employed to mitigate individual strategic risks, there are no direct legal implications arising from this report. [Legal Code: TS/11062020/D]

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 Although there may be equalities implications arising from the implementation of the strategies employed to mitigate individual strategic risks, there are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Climate Change and Environmental implications

7.1 Although there may be some environmental implications arising from the implementation of the strategies employed to mitigate individual strategic risks, there are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 Although there may be some human resource implications arising from the implementation of the strategies employed to mitigate individual strategic risks, there are no direct human resource implications arising from this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendations made in this report.

10.0 Health and Wellbeing implications

10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from the recommendations made in this report.

11.0 Covid implications

- 11.1 The Council's has prepared a Covid-19 risk register which details the risks faced by the Council as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the latest summary of the Council's Strategic Risk Register has also been updated to reflect the impacts of Covid-19.

12.0 Schedule of background papers

- 12.1 None.

13.0 Appendices

- 13.1 Appendix 1 – Covid-19 Risk Register
- 13.2 Appendix 2 – Strategic Risk Register