Appendix 2 – Strategic Risk Register

May 2020



Risk ref	Risk title and description	Previous score (March 2020)	Direction of travel	Current score (May 2020)	Target score and date (where appropriate)	Comment
3 01/14	Information Governance (IG) If the Council does not put in place appropriate policies, procedures and technologies to ensure: • that the handling and protection of its data is undertaken in a secure manner and consistent with both the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force during May 2018; • compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and Environmental Information Regulations; then it may be subject to regulatory action, financial penalties, reputational damage and the loss of confidential information. Risk owner: Mark Taylor Cabinet Member: Cllr Stephen Simkins	8 Amber		12 Amber	8 Amber When new working practises are embedded	The score of this risk has increased as result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The increased risk score takes into account new working arrangements resulting in an increased likelihood of data breaches. The Information Governance Team are part of the Council's Governance workstream to ensure that Information Governance implications are taken into account when decisions are made. The team are also working with ICT to ensure that Information Governance impacts are included in key documentations such as Teams User Guides. Working from home guidance is also being reviewed to ensure that Information Governance issues and tips are included. Work is also ongoing with the Projects and Programmes team to ensure that Information Governance implications are considered across Covid-19 related all work streams. It is envisaged that this risk score will fall when new ways of working become embedded.

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4 01/14	medium term financial strategy (MTFS) including the continual review of the assumptions and projections of the strategy, the effective management of the key MTFS programmes and projects such as the transformation of Adults and Children's services then revenues may be exhausted, resulting in the potential loss of democratic control and the inability of the Council to deliver essential services and discharge its statutory duties. Risk owner: Claire Nye Cabinet Member: Cllr Louise Miles	16 Red		20 Red	16* Amber On-Going	The score of this risk has increased alongside Covid-19 risks; 1 – Budgetary Pressure 2020-2021 and 7 – Medium Term Budgetary Pressure as detailed on the Covid-19 risk register. As reported in the Covid Risk Register, work is ongoing within the Council's Finance Team alongside Senior Managers and Budget Holders to monitor spending and regular reports are being provided to the Leader, Cabinet Member and the Strategic Executive Board (SEB). A detailed financial report which includes Covid-19 impacts on the Medium Term Financial Plan will be prepared for Cabinet Panel in due course.
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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: Emma Bennett Cabinet Member: Cllr John Reynolds and Cllr Linda Leach					d then erable	10 Amber		12 Amber	10 Amber On-Going	The score of this risk has increased in line with risk 4 – Safeguarding Children on the Covid-19 Register. For details of mitigating actions with regards to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults at this time see the Covid-19 Risk Register.		
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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: John Denley Cabinet Member: Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	12 Amber		12 Amber	8* Amber On-going	This risk score remains unchanged, BCM plans are being utilised, employees are working from home and all statutory functions are operating effectively. The Resilience Team are beginning to compile 'standing down templates' for the recovery phase of the crisis. The Council's new BCM system is operating and meets ISO 2230 and 22313, the team are also working towards the new British BCM standards which have recently been introduced. The Team are collating detailed 'lessons learnt' to feed into future operations.

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9 01/14	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 opportunities including: • the attraction of private sector investment and 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 • a reduced demand on Council services Risk owner: Richard Lawrence Cabinet member: Cllr Harman Banger	12 Amber		12 Amber	12* Amber Ongoing	The score for this risk remains at 12 – Amber. Whilst there have been impacts on project timings, costs and scope, at present these are being effectively managed across the City Centre Regeneration Programme. The Council is proactively working with partners and stakeholders to mitigate risk and where possible ensure that activity can continue, in accordance with Government guidelines. All project managers have been asked to review and highlight risks relating to Covid-19 so that the potential impacts on each project can be identified and analysed and that where necessary changes to scope can be implemented. Potential impacts include, but are not limited to; timing delays, reduction in income from sales (occupation / floor space) increased costs within the supply chain, changes to stakeholder priorities and effects on financial viability. In addition, the Council has identified a number of projects where there is a specific risk that Covid-19 will have an impact on the budgeted costs. Risks across the City Centre Regeneration Programme are being continually monitored and evaluated. Regularly reporting to the Strategic Executive Board / Infrastructure for Growth (IfG) Board, Project Assurance Group / Member Reference Group and elected members is in place.

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15 01/14	Emergency Planning 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 a major incident. Failure to train sufficient numbers of staff to undertake the roles in our plans that assist our residents in emergencies and protect the council's reputation from damage. Failure to audit the emergency response plans and capabilities of third party organisations that deliver statutory services on behalf of the council. Risk owner: John Denley Cabinet member: Cllr Jasbir Jaspal				12 Amber		12 Amber	8* Amber On-going	The score of this risk remains unchanged. Multi-Agency / Regional work is ongoing and working well. Plans are being updated to take into account actual occurrences, at the time of reporting three major Council Emergency Plans have been updated. The Resilience Team are collating lessons learnt to feed into future operations.		
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22	Skills for Work and Inclusive Growth	10		10	10*	There have been no changes to this risk score.
01/17	If the city residents do not have the appropriate skills that employers require and the Council does not work effectively with its partners to promote and enable growth, high rates of unemployment and low rates of inclusive growth will result in increased demand for council services. Risk owner: Richard Lawrence Cabinet Member: Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Amber		Amber	Amber On-going	The Council's Wolves at Work programme is beginning to support residents and business recovery from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The programme is digitally supporting residents during this period by connecting residents with future skills and employment officers. The online platform Wolves WorkBox continues to provide access to support, training and advertise current vacancies and work coaches continue to support job seekers.
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23 01/17	Cyber Security Failure to mainta security (technolawareness) throus result in cyber-at confidential data penalties, reputa public confidence. Risk owner: Mark Cabinet Member 5 4 900 11 2 11 1 2	ogy, produghout the tacks an leading tional dacks.	cesses a le Coun d theft d to finand mage a	and ncil may or loss of cial and a loss in	12 Amber		12 Amber	Amber Dependent on cyber world-wide cyber incidents	There are no changes to the score of this risk as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The risk of devices being compromised due to being left unlocked has decreased with the current working arrangements. Work on new initiatives is ongoing with a number of updates due to be rolled out in July 2020 which may reduce the risk score. Regular and ongoing maintenance and review of ICT systems and technical defences is ongoing and system back-ups continue to be undertaken on a regular basis.
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24 01/17	Maximising Benefits from West Midlands Combined Authority If the Council does not put in place effective arrangements to utilise the opportunities available from being part of West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) it will be unable to maximise the benefits and opportunities available to it. Risk owner: Tim Johnson Cabinet Member: Cllr Ian Brookfield	6 Amber	N/A	N/A	N/A	This risk has been de-escalated from the Strategic Risk Register and will now be managed at an operational level.
25 03/17	Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard If the Council does not put in place appropriate systems, procedures and technologies to ensure agent-led telephone payments are compliant with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, there is a risk of data breaches which may result in regulatory action, financial penalties and reputational damage. Risk owner: Claire Nye Cabinet Member: Cllr Louise Miles	4 Amber	N/A	N/A	N/A	This risk has been de-escalated from the Strategic Risk Register and will now be managed at an operational level.

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27 02/19	City assurance of response and compliance with the requirements of National Building Safety Programme, Grenfell Inquiry Report Recommendations and MHCLG Building Regulation Guidance Advice Notice(s) There is a risk of injury to members of the public, reputational damage, exposure to regulatory action and financial penalties to Council if appropriate processes and controls to ensure compliance with the requirements of the National Building Safety Programme, Grenfell Inquiry Report Recommendations and MHCLG Building Regulation Guidance Advice Notice(s). Risk Owner: TBC Cabinet Member: Cllr Peter Bilson					There have been no changes to this risk score as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Work is ongoing to ensure the Council's compliance with the National Building Safety Programme, Grenfell Inquiry Report Recommendations and MHCLG Building Regulation Guidance.
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28 10/17	Health and Safety Through failure to use safe working methods the Council may be exposed to regulatory action, financial penalties and reputational damage. Risk owner: Mark Taylor Cabinet Member: Cllr Sephen Simkins	8 Amber		8 Amber	8 Amber *On-going	 Whilst there have been impacts on this risk as a result of Covid-19 the risk score remains constant as at present these are being adequately managed and tightly controlled. The Council's Health and Safety Team are fully involved in decision making processes and governance structures. With regards to a return to face to face services the following process has been established; Director and SEB approval is required to start discussions regarding how services can return on a face to face basis. Discussions with the Health and Safety Team, Human Resources and Facilities Management on how and if this can be achieved safely are required Consultations with Unions and staff on how this might work must be undertaken Where there is agreement, the proposal is taken to SEB for approval, sign-off is also required from elected members where appropriate. All decisions are recorded on detailed decision trackers and appropriate communications must be developed prior to relaunching service provisions. There is a potential that this risk could increase as the Council move further into the recovery phase. Assurance will be required that services are adhering to government guidelines and risk assessments in order to protect both employees and members of the public.

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29 12/17	Fire Safety – Public Buildings If the Council does not have in place appropriate systems to ensure compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 within public buildings (including schools) there is a risk of injury to members of the public and exposure to regulatory action, financial penalties and reputation damage to the Council. Risk owner: Mark Taylor Cabinet Member: Cllr Peter Bilson						12 Amber		8 Amber	8 Amber *On-going	The score of this risk has been reduced, valid fire risk assessments are in place for all public buildings. The Council's Projects and Works team are currently focusing on implementing high priority actions as identified within these risk assessments and adequate funding is in place to complete these works. There have only been minor impacts from Covid-19 which includes a delay in completing some fire risk assessment reviews, this is not deemed as significant issue as valid assessments are in still in place.
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30 01/18	Civic Halls There is a significant reputational and financial risk to the Council and to the City's wider visitor economy if the revised Civic Halls refurbishment programme is not effectively managed in terms of project timings, costs and scope. Risk owner: Richard Lawrence Cabinet Member: Cllr Harman Banger	12 Amber		16 Red	12* Amber Ongoing	The score of this risk has increased from amber to red as the project onsite is currently paused due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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32 06/18	Waste Management Services If the Council does not continue to effectively manage the delivery of its waste service there is a risk that savings targets will not be delivered, and reputational damage may be incurred due to issues with waste collections. Risk owner: Ross Cook Cabinet Member: Cllr Steve Evans	е		4 Amber	4* Amber Ongoing	This risk score remains at 4 – amber, there has been no impact to waste collections as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Council has begun to undertake garden waste collections as planned and in accordance with government guidance household waste rubbish collection sites have re-opened.

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36 05/19	Parent company assurance of Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs) There is a risk to the safety of residents if assurance cannot be provided that adequate management and safety controls are in place within TMOs. Risk Owner: Ross Cook Cabinet Member: Cllr Peter Bilson	12 Amber		12 Amber	4 Amber June 2020	The score of this risk remains unchanged and work to support the TMO's continues.

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37 05/19	Governance of Major Capital Projects and Programmes The Council will fail to maximise opportunities and incur significant reputational and financial risks if it does not continue to manage, monitor and review major capital projects effectively, particularly in terms of project timescales, achievement of milestones and costs. Risk owner: Laura Phillips Cabinet Member: Cllr Louise Miles	8 Amber		8 Amber	4* Amber Ongoing	The score of this risk remains unchanged, there has been no impact on the governance of major capital projects as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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38	Climate Change Failure to achieve the Council's commitment in relation to Climate Change, including the pledge to make Council activities net-zero carbon by 2028 may result in significant reputational damage and a loss in public confidence. Risk owner: Ross Cook Cabinet Member: Cllr Steve Evans	ents Amber		6 Amber	4* Amber Ongoing	The score of this risk remains unchanged, there has been no impact on the Council's Climate change strategy as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
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