

# Towns Fund Programme Risk Register

Risk ID	Project Title	Risk Description (cause / Event)	Overall Impact Description	Impact				Mitigating Actions	Action Progress Update	Target Resolution Date	Current		
				Time	Cost	Quality	Health and Safety (if applicable)				Likelihood Score	Impact Score	Overall Score
00003	Towns Fund Programme	Authority H&S Policies not adhered to within individual projects.	Reputational Damage	No	No	No	Yes	Ensure all H&S policy and guidance is followed and monitored during the implementation of the projects.	Communication to all Project Leads to be issued in December 22 to remind of H&S policy.	31/03/26	2	2	4
00004	Towns Fund Programme	Statutory approvals for programme outputs are delayed or not achieved	Delays or redesign of overall programme deliverables and individual project outputs	Yes	Yes		No	Project Plan development that clearly identifies statutory approvals. Seek pre-planning and other advice where possible. Regular review of project plans.	Project Plans are in place and regularly reviewed by Project Leads.	31/03/26	2	4	8
00005	Towns Fund Programme	Brexit & Covid-19 effect on supply chain -Labour/Materials price increase/fluctuation	Negative impact on programme affordability due to increased costs	No	Yes		No	Development of detailed Cost Plans and implementation of Programme/Project Gateway Reviews. Sufficient contingency budget built into the projects.	Cost Plans to be reviewed with all Project Leads prior to February 2023 Project Board.	22/12/23	4	4	16
00006	Towns Fund Programme	Individual project costs increase above agreed parameters	Impact on collective affordability of the programme	Yes	Yes		Yes	Development of detailed Cost Plans and implementation of Programme/Project Gateway Reviews. Potential for re-allocation of project funding. Review monthly and finance have dedicated Towns Fund/FHSF officer.	Project parameters to be reviewed and discussions with SRO's planned in terms of increased expenditure.	31/01/24	3	3	9
00007	Towns Fund Programme	Drawdowns of funds are not received in line with expected deadlines	Impact on programme cashflow forecasts negatively impacting on the wider Council cashflow position	No	Yes	No	No	Ensure fund drawdowns are clearly identified and owned by individuals within the programme. Close collaboration with BEIS/DLUHC.	Drawdown requests are based from latest project cashflow reports.	31/01/23	2	2	4

00008	Towns Fund Programme	Partner organisation suffers catastrophic change in financial standing once in	Impact on individual project deliverability	Yes	Yes		Yes	Continual dialogue and engagement with partner organisations to consistently gauge delivery potential	Project Leads have detailed discussions with any partner organisations.	31/05/24	3	3	9
00009	Towns Fund Programme	Inability to action capital funding spend to ensure the allocated Towns Fund funding is fully utilised in each financial year.	Impact on overall programme deliverability due to non-compliance with Towns Fund requirements.	Yes	Yes		No	Continual dialogue and engagement with partner organisations to ensure spend profiling information is continually monitored to identify project slippage in advance to ensure corrective action can be taken so that spend requirements are met. Continual dialogue with DLUHC to raise an early warning and agree mitigation actions.	Regular Working Group Meetings are diarised and attended by Project Leads. Each project is monitored on a monthly basis including internal CWC reporting and separate assurance by Programme Managers	31/03/23	2	3	6
00010	Towns Fund Programme	Necessary sub-funding agreements with partner agencies aren't correctly in place	The Council is placed at risk of delivering a programme where necessary legal agreements aren't in place ensuring correct	Yes	No	No	No	Develop 'Boiler Plate' ready documents for partner agencies in advance of the risk proximity	Grant agreements in place for WM5G. Discussions with Business Improvement Districts regarding Events Programme.	31/03/23	2	2	4
00011	Towns Fund Programme	Contracts with suppliers/contractors are not correctly in place	Reduced or zero legal remedy for The Council should poor performance be observed	Yes	Yes		Yes	Ensure that sub contracts with suppliers/contractors are based on industry standard forms with legal support. Early engagement with procurement.	CWC Procurement Team are engaged with all projects and attend the monthly Working Group Meetings where they	12/01/24	2	3	6
00012	Towns Fund Programme	Town Deal Board are in-effective as oversight committee	Ineffective overall governance structure and management of programme			Yes		Ensure effective Terms of Reference are in place along with strong leadership including regular meetings with necessary outputs. If meeting being cancelled, email key updates to allow board members to raise any concerns.	ToR's are in place for the Project Board and are reviewed in line with requirements. Project Board meets regularly and where necessary sub-groups are proposed for specific requirements.	31/03/23	1	1	1
00013	Towns Fund Programme	Change in Programme Lead at The Council	Temporary impact on overall programme delivery including potential missed deadlines	No	No		No	Ensure that processes, procedures and governance structures are recorded and documented to assist with potential change in Programme Lead	Programme Managers are external consultants and current appointment may run through to Oct 2023.	28/04/23	3	3	9

00014	Towns Fund Programme	Failure to engage with wider internal Council stakeholders to gain buy in and support to Town Deal Programme	Failure to comply with the Constitution or achieving the benefits of wider stakeholder skill sets and resource	No	No	No	No	Ensure internal stakeholder review group is implemented, meets regularly with meaningful agendas and clear Actions & Minutes. Implementation of newsletter.	Internal teams are included in Working Group Meetings and additional scrutiny and governance comes via internal management	27/03/26	2	2	4
00015	Towns Fund Programme	Changes at national or local level to political stakeholders or policies over the life of the programme	Changing views in relation to projects resulting in delays to project delivery	Yes	No	No	No	Ensure effective communication and engagement with stakeholders in relation to projects, outputs and delivery.	Local Elections not due until May 2023. National Elections are prior to Jan 2025.	04/05/23	3	2	6
00016	Towns Fund Programme	Negative local and regional press/social media relating to programme delivery	Impacts and negative responses to major capital works intervention schemes	No	No		No	Ensure that Communications Strategy is agreed and signed off by the Engagement Group.	A newsletter has been developed and further work is ongoing regarding website and other social	27/03/26	2	4	8
00017	Towns Fund Programme	Failure to gain recognition for the Council, Town Deal Board and DLUHC for the levels of investment in the area	Failure to generate positive stories linked to investment and project deliverables	No	No	No	No	Ensure the communications strategy both at programme and individually at project level identify the Towns Deal and also monies or equivalent from the Council	Communications Strategy is driving the updates to the newsletter and social media & website	27/03/26	2	2	4
00018	Towns Fund Programme	There is a risk in exposure of matched funding in respect from Russian and Belarusian interests.	If any of the Towns Fund project had funding in relation to Russia and Belarussia interest could lead to negative publicity and delays in the delivery of the	Yes	Yes		No	Each business lead to review match funding sources and supply chains. Discussions to be held a TF Working Group meeting.	All match funding has been reviewed and no links identified.	31/12/24	2	4	8
00019	Towns Fund Programme	Increased inflation leading to negative impact on individual projects affordability due to increased	Increased inflation impact on deliverability of the project, reducing project scope, not	Yes	Yes		No	Development of detailed Cost Plans and implementation of Programme/Project Gateway Reviews		22/12/23	4	4	16

