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# Audit and Risk Committee

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<b>Report title</b>	Strategic Risk Register Update	
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## Recommendation for noting:

The Audit and Risk Committee is asked to note:

1. The latest summary of the Council's Strategic Risk Register, as at Appendix 1.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To keep members of the Audit and Risk Committee aware of the key strategic risks faced by the Council and how it can gain assurance that these risks are being mitigated.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Council is no different to any organisation and will always face risks in achieving its objectives and priorities. 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 Committee in September 2021. Since that time the risk register has been reviewed in conjunction with risk owners and updated where appropriate.
- 2.4 The strategic risk register does 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 corporate priorities. Other risks are captured within directorate, programme, project or partnership risk registers in line with the Council's corporate risk management framework.
- 2.5 A summary of the strategic risk register is included at Appendix 1 of this report which sets out the status of the risks as at December 2021. 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. As discussed at the last Committee meeting, the format of the register has been amended to separate out both further actions to be taken in order to mitigate the risks, and where sources of assurance can be sought.

## **3.0 Progress, options, discussion**

- 3.1 The strategic risk register will be updated as required and presented at approximately quarterly intervals to the Committee. The strategic risk register does not include all the risks that the Council faces. It represents the most significant risks that could potentially impact on the achievement of the corporate priorities. As stated above, other risks are captured within directorate, programme, project or partnership risk registers in line with the Council's corporate risk management framework.

## **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 summaries. Financial implications may arise from the implementation of strategies employed to mitigate individual risks, but these will be evaluated and reported separately if required. [GE/24112021/W]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 Although there may be some legal implications arising from the implementation of the strategies employed to mitigate individual risks, there are no direct legal implications arising from this report.  
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## **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 There will be equalities implications arising from the implementation of a number of the strategies employed to mitigate individual risks. These equalities implications will be addressed, where appropriate, through the various mechanisms taken to manage each risk.

## **7.0 All other implications**

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

## **8.0 Schedule of background papers**

Appendix 1 – Strategic Risk Register