

Audit and Risk Committee

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Report title	Strategic Risk Register Update	
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Recommendations 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 A.

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 March 2022. Since that time the risk register has been reviewed in conjunction with risk owners, reviewed by SEB and updated where appropriate. Two previous risks primarily relating to the Covid-19 vaccination programme have now been closed.
- 2.3 Similarly the new Council Plan, Our City: Our Plan, went to Cabinet in February 2022 and was approved by Council in March 2022. The new Plan embeds Relight recovery priorities, following extensive engagement and consultation with local communities, and is underpinned by clear delivery plans to deliver the city's strategic priorities. Regular updates are provided to SEB and elected members, and so therefore the earlier Relight risk has also been closed down, with broader risks to the delivery of Our City: Our Plan managed through the ongoing review of the wider strategic risk register.
- 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 A of this report which sets out the status of the risks as at July 2022. 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, 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.
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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 risks, there are no direct legal implications arising from this report [DP/140722/A]

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

- 8.1 Appendix A – Strategic Risk Register