

Operational Risks Summary Sheet

Update on High Level Risks

Risk Ref	Risk Description	Existing Controls	Risk			Risk Response/Update on action required
			Feb-19			
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EH1	Breach of Health & Safety Regulations from council activities caused by insufficient management of risk or activity controls to enable safe service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of current data systems for H&S compliance and Director level (GC) support requested to facilitate robust software systems to maintain compliance for Corporate and Housing. All service areas have received training in risk assessment and health and safety management New activities and events are supported and overseen to enable proportionate controls and measures to be put in place to reduce or eliminate the Council's exposure to the risks of service delivery. New Housing Repair and Maintenance (R&M) contract being put in place. Mobilisation group for Housing R&M contract established and being supported and monitored to enable success. Housing Compliance Manager appointed. H&S monitoring of Streetscene service delivery activities through new DASH module. The council's H&S micro site provides information and respective forms for risk assessments and Safe Systems of Work Corporate communication of proposed organisational change arrangements communicated as required. 	3	5	15	COMMENT FEBRUARY 2019: Actions and arrangements are being put in place to improve the H&S risks to the Council through existing controls identified and, revised processes and procedures through the mobilisation of the new R&M contract. Development and support for software systems to improve H&S compliance is being pursued to enable positive outcomes and appropriate data availability for increased compliance.

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SC6	Risk of subsidence to private, commercial and borough owned properties due to water abstraction by Council owned trees, resulting in an increase in claims against the Council	All tree works at present carried out are on a reactive basis.	4	4	16	COMMENT FEBRUARY 2019: The lack of proactive inspection and maintenance regime means that the majority of claims received, our insurers are making payments to third parties to compensate them for their loss. We have also seen a significant number of subsidence issues within our Housing stock. The proposal is to prepare a subsidence risk analysis on a zonal base throughout the borough to identify the hot spots based on geographical data and trees.
SC7	Risk of unmaintained trees wholly or partly falling on persons/property and other infrastructure resulting in an increase in claims against the Council	Woodland management plans that have been negotiated over the last 4 years have now been approved and are beginning to be implemented to manage woodland edge trees over a 10-year period. However, a risk remains for non-woodland trees for which there is no proactive system All tree works at present carried out are on a reactive basis.	3	4	12	COMMENT FEBRUARY 2019: Another area of concern is the inspection of trees in extremely high-risk positions following on from the judgement handed down in the case of <i>Witley Parish Council v Cavanagh</i>. Where the judge found the Council's policy of inspection totally inadequate.

New Risks

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CS6	Council assets, particularly those related to housing, may not be protected from fraud if not investigated in accordance with legislation	Council has an in-house Corporate Fraud team which is made up of two qualified investigators	1	3	3	Unsuccessful prosecution cases / complaints. Possible legal and reputational impact for the Council, possible legal impact for individual officers, Council assets are not protected especially those related to housing