

**27 January 2015**

**Audit & Scrutiny Committee**

**Strategic & Operational Risk Review**

*Report of:* Acting Chief Executive

*Wards Affected:* None

*This report is:* Public

**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Strategic Risk Register and Operational Risk Registers have been reviewed and are submitted to the Committee for approval.

**2. Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To agree the Strategic & Operational Risk Registers and that the risk scores recorded for each risk accurately represents the current status of each risk.**

**3. Introduction and Background**

- 3.1 The governance arrangements set out in the 'Insurance & Risk Management Strategy' require the Audit Committee to review the strategic risks every quarter and the operational risks every six months.
- 3.2 The strategic risk register is attached at Appendix A and the Operational Risks attached at Appendix B. The strategic risk register is monitored quarterly and the operational risks every six months by the Corporate Leadership Board who consider the risks, the mitigations and agree the content. It will be the responsibility of the Audit Committee to review the strategic risks and confirm they are confident that the risks associated within this register are those which are strategic and relevant to the organisation at this point in time and the considered future.
- 3.3 Quarterly insurance reports are presented to the Corporate Leadership Board to identify areas for future risk control, leading to risk improvements in the areas of training, systems of working and security.

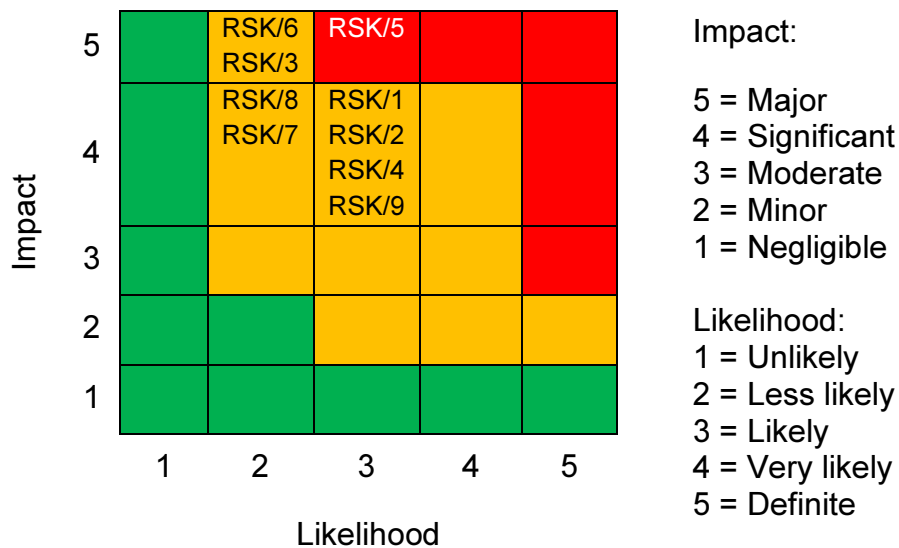
#### 4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

##### Strategic Risks

- 4.1 In line with the Council’s Insurance and Risk Management Strategy, risk owners have reviewed their risks and risk scores. As a result of the current risk review all the scores have remained unchanged.
- 4.2 An update on the action required can be found on the Strategic Risk Summary sheet attached at Appendix C.

##### Risk Matrix

- 4.3 The nine risks are plotted on the risk matrix below. The current assessment identifies that one risk will remain in the red area of the risk matrix.



##### Operational Risks

- 4.4 The Operational Risks, attached at Appendix B, have been updated and amended where necessary to reflect the actions being taken to manage the risks. At the time of writing this report there were 38 operational risks.

<b>Risk Group</b>	<b>No. of open risks on register</b>	<b>Low Risk</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
Environmental Health	5		3	2
Governance	1	1		
ICT	1		1	
Localism	5	2	3	
Planning	5		3	2
Street Scene	7	6		1
Business Transformation	3		3	
Finance	8	2	5	1
Housing	2	1	1	

## **5. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 Risk Management continues to be embedded quarterly within the Senior Management Team reports, where Directors and Heads of Service discuss the top level risks for their service areas to ensure that the risks are updated to reflect the ongoing changes.
- 5.2 In addition the Risk & Insurance Officer will work with managers to ensure that any new or emerging risks are identified, assessed and managed appropriately.

## **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 None.

## **7. References to Corporate Plan**

- 7.1 Effective risk management arrangements will support the Council to achieve its corporate priorities. The process will enable identification of risks and issues enabling informed decision making to removed or reduce them in order for the priorities to be achieved.

## **8. Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

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- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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- 8.2 Effective risk management provides a means of identifying, managing and reducing the likelihood of legal claims or regulatory challenges against the Council.

**9. Appendices to this report**

Appendix A – Strategic Risk Register

Appendix B – Operational Risk Register

Appendix C – Strategic Risk Register Summary Sheet

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