

SUBJECT:	STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER - QUARTERLY REPORT: QUARTER 2
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with a status report of the revised Strategic Risk Register as at the end of the second quarter 2019/20.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 An update of the Strategic Risk Register, developed under the risk management approach of 'risk appetite', was last presented to this Committee in August 2019 and contained ten strategic risks.
- 2.2 Since reporting in August 2019, the Strategic Risk Register has been reviewed and updated by the Corporate Leadership Team and has identified that there have been some positive movement in the Risk Register.
- 2.3 The updated Register is contained with Part B of this agenda, it contains ten strategic risks which are listed below, along with details of relevant mitigations.

3. Movements in the Strategic Risk Register

- 3.1 The Strategic Risk Register currently contains 10 risks, as follows:
- 1) Failure to engage & influence effectively the Council's strategic partners, council staff and all stakeholders to deliver against e.g. Council's Vision 2020/2025.
 - 2) Failure to deliver a sustainable Medium term Financial Strategy (that supports delivery of Vision 2020).
 - 3) Failure to deliver the Towards Financial Sustainability Programme whilst ensuring the resilience of the Council.
 - 4) Failure to ensure compliance with statutory duties/functions and appropriate governance arrangements are in place,
 - 5) Failure to protect the local authority's vision 2020/2025 due to changing structures and relationships in local government and impact on size, scale and scope of the Council.

- 6) Unable to meet the emerging changes required in the Council's culture, behaviour and skills to support the delivery of the council's Vision 2020/2025 and the transformational journey to one Council approach.
- 7) Insufficient levels of resilience and capacity exist in order to deliver key strategic projects & services within the Council.
- 8) Decline in the economic prosperity within the City Centre.
- 9) Failure to mitigate against the implications for the Council following the outcome of Brexit.
- 10) Failure to deliver key strategic projects.

3.2 A number of control actions have now been progressed or completed and the key movements are outlined as follows:

- Risk 1. Failure to engage & influence effectively the Council's strategic partners, council staff and all stakeholders to deliver against the Council's Vision 2020/2025 - Vision 2025 is in development, evidence based gathered, key priority areas emerging and work is progressing with CLT and Portfolio Holders. All member briefings scheduled to be held in November 19, followed by staff, business and residents consultation
- Risk 4. To ensure compliance with statutory duties and appropriate governance arrangements are in place – Executive approval of investment in a new IT infrastructure has been secured with implementation to be completed by December 2019.
- Risk 6. Unable to meet the emerging changes required in the Council's culture, behavior and skills to support the delivery of the council's Vision 2025 and the transformational journey to one Council approach – One Council launched with Service Managers. Project Boards with ToR's and work programme for four pillars established.
- Risk 7. Insufficient levels of resilience and capacity to deliver key strategic projects and services – development of Vision 2025 focuses on ensuring sufficient capacity exists to deliver legacy and new schemes. A new approval process incorporating Portfolio Holders is being developed to allow for resources to be flexed as and when new priorities/projects emerge.
- Risk 8. Decline in the economic prosperity within the City Centre – the Council has been successful in securing approval for a Heritage Action Zone Bid, work has now commenced on development of the detailed scheme. In addition the Council has been awarded Towns Fund Capacity funding to support the development of a Town Deal Board and Investment Plan. GLLEP Pipeline Funding Bids have been submitted for City Centre vibrancy schemes.

- Risk 9. Failure to mitigate against the implications for the Council following the outcome of Brexit – Nominated Brexit Officer in place, internal working group continues to implement actions in relation to regulatory services, staffing, communications, business continuity, community leadership etc.

3.3 Whilst positive progress has been made in relation to control actions, and these continue to be implemented and risks managed accordingly, this has not resulted in any changes to the assessed levels of likelihood and impacts. The levels of assessed risks are summarised as follows:

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Risk No.	Risk Rating	Likelihood	Impact
2	Red/High	Probable	Critical
7	Red/High	Almost Certain	Major
3, 6 & 5, 8 & 10	Amber/Medium	Probable	Major
1, 4, & 9	Amber/Medium	Possible	Major

4. Strategic Priorities

4.1 Sound risk management is one way in which the Council ensures that it discharges its functions in accordance with its expressed priorities, as set out in the Vision 2020, and that it does so in accordance with statutory requirements.

5. Organisational Impacts

5.1 Finance – There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report. The Council’s Strategic Risk Register contains two specific risks in relation to the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Towards Financial Sustainability Programme.

5.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules – The Council is required under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 to have a sound system of Internal Control which facilitates the effective exercise of the Council’s functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk. The maintenance of a Strategic Risk Register and the control actions which the Council undertakes are part of the way in which the Council fulfils this duty.

6. Risk Implications

6.1 The Strategic Risk Register contains the key strategic risks to the delivery of the Council’s medium and longer term priorities. A failure to monitor the action that is being taken to manage these risks would undermine the Council’s governance arrangements.

7. Recommendations

7.1 Performance Scrutiny Committee are asked to are asked to note and comment

on the key strategic risks and control actions, as at the end of the second quarter 19/20.

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Key Decision No

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply? No

Call in and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? None

List of Background Papers: N/A

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