

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, 19 September 2023

TITLE OF REPORT: COUNCIL RISK REGISTER REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

Report of: Senior Leadership Team

Cabinet Portfolio: Leader and Portfolio Holder - Strategic Direction and Partnerships

Key Decision: N

Confidentiality: Non Exempt

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The Council maintains a risk register which is revised by management on a regular basis. It is reported to both the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet to provide assurance that appropriate arrangements are in place to mitigate the risks identified.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is invited to comment on the council risk register (Appendix A) and the current mitigation that is in place.

BACKGROUND

2. Risk management enhances strategic planning and prioritisation, assists in achieving objectives and is a key element of the Council's governance framework. It is essential that the Council identifies, monitors, and mitigates (when proportionate to the resources required) the risks it is exposed to.
3. The council risk register as of September 2023 is attached at Appendix A. It has been prepared by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and their managers. All managers are responsible for the identification and management of risk within their service areas.
4. The council risk register presented contains the key risks as assessed by SLT, the format has been updated to mirror the format presented at the individual Service Panels, to maintain consistency and for ease of comparing.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or The Hart Vision 2040

5. The Committee's oversight of risk management contributes to the Corporate Plan priority of delivering an efficient and effective Council.

Service Plan

- Is the proposal identified in the Service Plan? Yes

Legal and Constitutional Issues

6. There are no legal implications arising from this report.
7. This Committee's terms of reference allow for the 'review and scrutiny of potential decisions to be made at future Cabinet meetings.
8. The local code of corporate governance and the annual governance statement make reference to the regular updating and review of the council risk register.

9. The Committee's oversight of risk management ensures that the processes that have been publicly stated as being in place are followed.

Financial and Resource Implications

10. There are no financial implications arising from this report. All risk management activities are currently carried out within approved budgets.
11. Decisions to further mitigate risks may require additional resources which will be considered as part of the mitigation decision process.

Risk Management

12. The maintenance and oversight of the Council's corporate risks is an important control. A failure to manage risk appropriately brings a range of potential implications for the Council including financial loss and reputational damage.

EQUALITIES

13. There are no equality implications arising from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendations.

ACTION

15. The Committee's comments will be reported to the Cabinet, when it considers the corporate risk register at its June meeting.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Council Risk Register September 2023

Background Papers:

None