



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

MEETING	Overview and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	13 March 2019
OFFICER	Julian Parsons, Head of Service Development
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor Netta Glover
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Corporate Risk Management
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This report provides an update on the current status of identified corporate risks. Risk registers are maintained at project, departmental and directorate levels. Corporate risks are those that have been escalated from these levels for scrutiny by the Strategic Management Board (SMB) because of their magnitude, proximity or because the treatments and controls require significant development.</p> <p>The Corporate Risk Register was last reviewed by the Overview and Audit Committee on 14 November 2018.</p> <p>Since then it has been regularly reviewed by SMB, most recently at its 12 February meeting, and, by the Performance Management Board on 31 January at which all the directorate level risk registers were scrutinised.</p> <p>At the 15 January SMB meeting the following changes to the Risk Register were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress in addressing the Pager Service risk, and its continued green RAG status, indicated that it was appropriate to remove it from the Corporate Risk Register; and, 2. Central Government have instructed public service providers to undertake contingency planning for a scenario in which the UK leaves the EU without a formal withdrawal agreement on 29 March 2019. In light of this the potential short-term risks have been scoped and evaluated and are shown at page 8 of Annex C. Given the imminence of the potential EU withdrawal date, it was agreed that that this risk be added to the Corporate Risk Register. It was also recommended that any longer term financial risks arising from this scenario be addressed in the funding and savings risk when more is known and the exit scenario clarified. <p>Officers are also currently considering any potential risks to the Authority that may arise from the Court of</p>

	<p>Appeal's recent decision regarding the Fire Brigades Union's 2015 firefighters' pension scheme age discrimination case against the Government. These will be reported to the Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>The current distribution of corporate risks relative to probability and potential impact is shown at Annex A.</p> <p>Changes to the corporate risk ratings over the last year are shown at Annex B.</p> <p>Detailed assessments of identified corporate risks are shown in the Corporate Risk Register at Annex C.</p>
ACTION	Decision
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the status report on identified corporate risks at Annex C be reviewed and approved; 2. comments be provided to officers for consideration and attention in future updates/reports.
RISK MANAGEMENT	The development, implementation and operation of effective corporate risk management structures, processes and procedures are considered critical to assure continuity of service to the public, compliance with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements and the successful delivery of the Authority's strategic aims, priorities and plans.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	No direct financial implications arising from the presentation of this report. It is envisaged that the further development of the Authority's corporate risk management framework will be undertaken from within agreed budgets.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	None directly arising from this report. Any legal consequences associated with the crystallisation of individual risks are detailed in the Risk Register report at Annex C.
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE	The potential to share corporate risk intelligence with neighbouring FRS and other relevant agencies will be considered. BMKFA already participates in the multi-agency Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum which produces a Community Risk Register which is among the sources used to identify potential risks to the Authority.
HEALTH AND SAFETY	Development of the framework does not impact directly on the legal compliance to health and safety, however if risks are not appropriately identified then this may present Health and Safety risks.

<p>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</p>	<p>No direct implications from the presentation of this report. However risks to achieving the Authority's equality, diversity and inclusion objectives or compliance with relevant statutes or regulations are identified assessed and managed via this process and are currently monitored within the People and Organisational Development Risk Register.</p>
<p>USE OF RESOURCES</p>	<p>The development of the risk management framework complements the governance framework and business processes as a critical cog in the system of internal control and makes better use of our people resources by giving them clearly defined areas of responsibility.</p> <p>Senior managers and principal officers are key stakeholders in the development of the framework and have an active role in its development at every stage. The lead Member will also be involved in the development of the framework with particular responsibility for determining the reporting arrangements for the Authority.</p> <p>As with all policy frameworks, all employees will be informed of the changes in the process and will receive any training necessary to support their role in the process.</p>
<p>PROVENANCE SECTION & BACKGROUND PAPERS</p>	<p>A formal policy for the management of Corporate Risk was approved by the Authority in August 2006 and implemented with effect from 31 January 2007 (OC57: Corporate Risk Management Policy).</p> <p>Further development of this policy and framework was reported to members at the 15 September 2010 CFA meeting (see Annex A and item 8 of 15 September CFA Papers:</p> <p>http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/8114/0681/3588/150910.PDF</p> <p>An updated Corporate Risk Management Policy was approved at the 18 March 2015 Executive Committee: http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/3314/2564/2098/Executive Committee 180315.pdf</p> <p>CFA Members were last updated on the status of the Authority's Corporate Risks at the 14 November 2018 Overview & Audit Committee and will be updated again at the 17 July 2019 meeting.</p>
<p>APPENDICES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annex A: Distribution of Corporate Risks at 12 February 2019 SMB meeting 2. Annex B: 12 Month View of Changes to Corporate Risks 3. Annex C: Corporate Risk Register Report

TIME REQUIRED	10 Minutes
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