Strategic Risk Report

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Risk	Current Risk	Key risk indicators	Consequences	Internal Controls	Supporting Description Internal Controls	Assurance Level	Evidence of Assurance	Actions	Action Actual Start Date	Latest Note	Assigned To
SR01 Workforce skills and knowledge	10	analysis • Competence framework • Increased requests for partnership working	 Work is not completed to expected quality standards Loss of key staff Increase in complaints Poor or inconsistent services Projects not delivered on time / budget /quality Unrealistic workloads leading to absence/ increased sickness levels. Failure to attract, recruit and retain suitable staff Loss of knowledge and expertise 	Key specialist roles identified and service resilience plan in place	based on role (legal	Level 1 - Operational Management (Policies & Procedures)	• Quarterly performance reporting to Strategic Management Board, Personnel and Development Committee.	Progress Programme Board to consider the need to identify key specialist roles. NB - link to SR08 - Unitary District Council Status (Pre- Structural Change Order)			Head of HR, ICT and SSS
				Up to date policies accessible to officers	All Officers are made aware of Councils Policies with specific emphasis given to those relevant to service provision.			The 5 Councils have introduced the Vacancy Management Protocol	10-Dec-2018		
				Service based performance management information	Services have developed robust and reliable performance management system(s) that reflects the activities of the respective service including complaints, comments and FOI requests.			 Locally, may need to consider retention payments to key post holders (need to define key post holders) : Back filling posts as necessary to support the delivery of customer services 			
					Performance system to include meaningful comparison to external bench marking						



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				Periodic formal quality reviews undertaken by Management	information (where available). System of periodic quality reviews are in place that allows for compliance with operational procedures, data integrity and accuracy.						
				Procedures reflect application of policy							
SR02 External and internal regulatory framework (Brexit)	12	 Strategic Risk Register action plan slippage. Legal challenges to decisions. Issues from annual assurance review not being addressed or slippage. Audit recommendations not being implemented, 		Published contract register used for contract renewal Legal Service support	Contract register is used to identify contracts that are due for renewal. This should allow the Contract Manager sufficient time to prepare a project plan. • All Cabinet reports are reviewed by the Monitoring Officer. • Legal advice is provided /sought at Strategic Management Board meetings. • Legal Services provide advice to Services as regards decision making.	Level 2 - Internal Governance (Risk / Performance Management)	Complaint monitoring and reporting to SMB quarterly			Mike Howard 25-Jan- 2019 The Head of DLP has confirmed the content of the risk entry for the purpose of Quarter 3 monitoring.	Head of DLP
SR03 Reduction in Government funding	Likelihood	 Budget Monitoring External Networks and External Advisor Memberships highlighting emerging issues / policy changes Relationship Manager with Valuation Office Service Performance Information in relation to demand for services 	discretionary services • Reduction in service level for statutory services • Reputational damage • Inability to realise corporate plan/ priorities / transformation programme.	Monthly budgetary control reports	Monthly budgetary control process are in place and complied with, enabling accurate financial reporting of expenditure against planned contractual delivery. Services have developed robust and reliable performance	Level 3 - Independent Assurance (Internal Audits, HSE)	External Audit through statutory assessment of value for money (VFM). Quarterly budget reports to Cabinet. Monthly budget reports to Strategic Management Board Budget report presented to Full Council			Mike Howard 25-Jan- 2019 The Head of Finance and Commercial has confirmed the content of this risk entry for the purpose of Quarter 3 monitoring.	Head of Finance and Commercial

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		or lower usage			management system(s) that reflects the activities of the respective service including complaints, comments and FOI requests.		Audit Committee report on Statement of Accounts and Value for Money Opinion.				
					Performance system to include meaningful comparison to external bench marking information (where available).						
				Medium Term Financial Plan	Compilation of Medium Term Financial Plan, which is based on the financial implications of the Corporate Plan, reviewed annually by Full Council, enabling Members to make informed amendments to the Corporate Plan based on the limitations of any funding constraints.						
					Financial forecasting and scenario planning						
				Income Maximisation	Application of the Price Is Right guidance, led by the Finance Team to ensure that Services review their income streams as part of budget setting process.						
				Assessed budget volatility	Head of Service submission of a business justification for seeking release of						

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					additional funding In year budget volatility managed through the use of Contingency and Equalisation Funds reported to Cabinet if it occurs on quarterly basis. Reserves Policy in place subject to annual review by Section 151 Officer and reported as part of the Budget Setting process. Subject to review by External Audit.					
SR05 Partnership working	Likelihood	 Issues arising from Member/officer involvement with partners/partnerships. Breakdown of working relationships. Wycombe District issues not being adequately addressed. 	 Missed opportunities for funding streams (LEP) Restricted range of services offered Failure to realise economies of scale Duplication of work Impact on public perception of the wider 	meetings/ dialogue	Contract meetings	Level 1 - Operational Management (Policies & Procedures)	Strategic Management Board receive periodic updates on partnership relations			Mike Howard 25- 2019 The Head of DLF confirmed the con this risk entry for purpose of Quart monitoring. For Quarter 4, the of DLP is conside
			public sector	Periodic formal quality reviews undertaken by Management	System of periodic quality reviews are in place that allows for compliance with operational procedures, data integrity and accuracy.					relevance of this part of the Counc given the number range of partners that the Council participates in.
				Partnership oversight	Compliance with a Partnership protocol (or similar) with has clearly defined governance arrangements that provide clear oversight as to the number of partnerships and the relationship from inception / formation, through delivery and					

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95			Mike Howard 25-Jan- 2019 The Head of DLP has confirmed the content of this risk entry for the purpose of Quarter 3 monitoring. For Quarter 4, the Head of DLP is considering the relevance of this risk as part of the Councils SRR given the number and range of partnerships that the Council	Head of DLP
			participates in.	

eventual closure of the partnership. Governance arrangements -		
SR06 Investment in infrastructure 16 • Corporate Plan objectives are not delivered due to lack of tunding, • Schemes are put on hold, pending determination, source and reliase of funding, • Schemes are put on hold, pending determination, source and reliase of funding, • Schemes are put on hold, pending determination, source and reliase of funding, • Schemes are put on hold, pending determination, source and reliase of funding, • Arnual Report provides information as regards the success in delivering the Corporate Plan. • Lack of investment in provides uses as regards between provides information as regards the success in delivering the Corporate Plan. • Lack of investment in provides uses as regards between provides information as regards the success in delivering the Corporate Plan. • Lack of investment in provides uses as regards the success indelivering the Corporate Plan. Periodic formal quality reviews are in block vertice and reported to be vertice and reported to be reported to the reported to contine regards level of sacking relases of eaching relases of e	Mike Howar 2019. The Corpora has confirm content of th for the purp Quarter 3 m In addition, i 2019, the nu programme been reduce formerly Pla Prosperity, I Risborough Progress to programme Progress an People. In parallel, t embedding managemen will strength programme managemen arrangemen	birector; te Director d the s risk entry se of onitoring. Tom January mber of boards has d from four - ce & People, rinces and wo boards - 2 d Place & e f project t software m both and project

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SR07 Data and Information	12	Internal Information Governance	Internal Information	Internal	occurs on quarterly basis. Reserves Policy in place subject to annual review by Section 151 Officer and reported as part of the Budget Setting process. Subject to review by External Audit.	Level 2 - Internal Governance (Risk		Implementation and embedding of	02-Apr-2018	Mike Howard 25-Jan- 2019	Head of DLP; ICT and SSS
security		 Continuing data breaches of the same type. Trends and issues from complaints and Freedom of Information Act requests not being addressed. External IT Governance Performance against contractual performance targets for application and network availability. Performance reporting for resolving 	to ICO findings against the Council. • Complaints leading to Ombudsman findings against the Council. • Loss of sensitive data • Unlawful release of personal data External IT	Governance (Suite of Internal Controls)	 Document Management approach across the Council Regular training for staff Information asset owners in each Service area. Appointed Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO)-Head of Democratic, Legal and Policy Services. Annual certification process (information asset register). Up to date IT and resilience tools Responses from Annual Assurance Statement from each Head of Service. Annual Governance Statement with improvement actions. Council's complaints system. Designation of Statutory Officers. Information 	/ Performance Management)		 embedding of changes relating to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - (Legal) Staff reminded about the use of autofill in email addresses (Review Bucks Overarching Data Sharing Agreement to reflect General Data Protection Requirements (GDPR) Tier 2 Data Sharing Agreements to be determined which will allow data sharing on a correct legal basis for specific service based needs. 	17-Jan-2019	In relation to Internal Information Governance, the Head of DLP has confirmed the content of the risk entry for the purpose of quarter 3 monitoring. In relation to External IT governance, the Head of HR, ICT & SSS has confirmed the content of the risk entry for the purpose of quarter 3 monitoring.	Head of HR

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					Governance Strategy. • Periodic review of Contract Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.						
				of Internal Controls)	Encrypted laptops: complex			Develop and implement a cyber security action plan	04-Jan-2019		

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					regular data back- up routines; data held off-site; • Majority of hardware located off-site in provider data centres and use of virtual technologies means services are less location dependent; • Formal monthly performance service review meetings; • Contractual penalties in the event of below contractual standard of services; • Periodic inventory checks • Secure disposal of redundant equipment						
SR08 Unitary District Council Status (Pre Structural Change Order)	20	resignations. • Decline in recruitment success. • Increase in identified internal control weaknesses. • Increase in reported and upheld complaints. • Delay to governance and service improvements	Communications Scheduled meetings/workshops/b riefings/newsletter not attended/produced, resulting in lack of awareness as regards Councils position. Organisational - Staffing Lack of staff capacity to deliver core business, resulting in services not being delivered Key officer commitment to supporting UDC preparation begins to conflict with business as usual requirements. Key officers starting to move to the new 	service resilience plan in place	roles identified, based on role (legal	Operational Management (Policies & Procedures)	• Communications	Progress Programme Board to consider the need to identify key specialist roles.		Mike Howard 25-Jan- 2019 Head of DLP has confirmed the content of this risk entry for the purpose of quarter 3 monitoring.	Head of DLP

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			Authority (through direct appointment or secondment opportunity)		with specific emphasis given to those relevant to service provision.		mandated (by Service or an exception basis by HR)				
			• During period of phased implementation there	Procedures reflect application of policy			Recruitment protocol established and				
			 is a lack of ability to attract and recruit staff (replacing established and filling newly identified posts). During period of 		Service continuity plans is in place, known to staff, periodically tested.		disseminated across the Council. • Service resilience plans in place.				
			phased implementation there is an increased expectation on the contribution that individual officers can make, with the potential of breaching contractual employment terms/ working time directive.	Quarterly report to SMB	Quarterly report to SMB providing information as regards level of sickness absence and staff turnover compared to National /Sector benchmark(s). Used to monitor "health" of the						
			Organisational - Governance • Failure to deliver the Corporate Plan priorities and governance arrangements. • Failure to deliver the Local Plan	Customer complaints	Council. 1. Detailed insight as the validity, content and volume of service based customer complaints.		Organisational - Governance: • Feedback on upheld complaints and lesson learned to be reported and information disseminated across the whole Council. • Existing Committee reporting structure in place to record decisions taken in respect of UDC status.				
			Organisational - Financial • Wider public "default" on making payments to the Council for goods and services provided. • Increase in the risk that individuals and organisations may				Organisational - Finance				

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			take the opportunity to try and defraud the Council during a period of un- presidented change. Organisational - Information • Increase in the provision of requests for information without reference to data sharing protocols, hierarchy of consent /agreement.			Organisational - Information				