Strategic Risk Register - Quarter 3 – October- December 2019 Monitoring Report



Risk	Current Risk	Consequences	Internal Controls	Assurance Level	Evidence of Assurance	Actions	Latest Note	Managed By
SR01 Workforce skills and knowledge	Likelihood	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 Up to date policies accessible to officers Service based performance management information Periodic formal quality reviews undertaken by Management Published contract	Operational Management (Policies & Procedures)	Resource Board that outlines Turnover, Hard to Fill Vacancies and any HR related issues.	Unitary Council level Unitary Work Streams have completed individual Resource Plans that detail resource requirements to deliver individual work streams, to the Chief Executive Implementation Group - May 2019. On a quarterly basis a monitoring report is produced that high lights: staff turnover, hard to fill vacancies, back filling decisions and associated issues. NB - link to SR08 - Unitary District Council The 5 Councils have introduced the Vacancy Management Protocol Following submission of individual Work stream Resource Plans to Chief Executive Implementation Group - May 2019, retention payments, where applicable, are to be the responsibility of each sovereign Council and will be managed in line with existing HR processes, Decisions as regards the Back filling of posts, are the responsibility of the sovereign Councils.	The Head of ICT, Facilities Mgt and HR has confirmed that the following: Resource requirements for the various unitary work streams continue to be regularly	Facilities Management and HR
internal regulatory framework (Brexit)		taken (Ultra Vires) Complaints (justifiable) Reputational damage breach	register used for contract renewal Legal Service support		reporting to SMB quarterly		The Head of Democratic Legal and Policy has confirmed the content of this risk entry for the purpose of monitoring, with	Democratic., Legal and Policy

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							the additional comment that in addition to Brexit, there is an ongoing risk that the Council could make unlawful decisions. This is monitored in the usual way through the Monitoring Officer comments on reports and the legal advice being provided.	
SR03 Reduction in Government funding	Likelihood 16	Reduction in budgets Loss / reduction of discretionary services Reduction in service level for statutory services Reputational damage Inability to realise corporate plan/ priorities / transformation programme.	Monthly budgetary control reports Service based performance management information Medium Term Financial Plan Income Maximisation Assessed budget volatility	(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 Audit Committee report on Statement of Accounts and Value for Money Opinion.		Mike Howard 06-Jan-2020 The Head of Finance and Commercial has provided the following commentary: The draft 2020/21 budget is being prepared for consideration by the Shadow Executive. Early iterations show a balanced position based on the assumptions made. Budget scrutiny is programmed for January where wider member review will challenge the robustness and assumptions made and process. The draft budget takes a risk assessed view of assumptions and consequential impacts on reserves and contingencies and this is subject to review by the Corporate Management Team (CMT), Shadow Executive and full Authority at the budget setting meeting in February.	and Commercial

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SR05 Partnership working SR06 Investment in infrastructure	Discount of the state of the st	• 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 public sector • Lack of investment in infrastructure could lead to issues as regards both the short and long term sustainability of the local community and economy. • Deterioration of the Councils image and reputation as a place to live, work, visit and invest in. • Restriction in economic growth could impact on service provision & funding through reduced business rate growth. • Programmes /Project are funded by external borrowing rather than internal funds.	Regular contract meetings/ dialogue Periodic formal quality reviews undertaken by Management Partnership	Level 1 - Operational	Strategic Management Board receive periodic updates on partnership relations	Actions	Mike Howard 06-Jan-2020 The Head of Democratic Legal and Policy has provided the following update: This work is now picked up entirely by the transition work looking at partnerships and membership of outside bodies as part of the relevant governance workstream. There is no need for WDC to continue to monitor this as a corporate risk.	Head of Democratic, Legal and Policy
SR07 Data and Information security	12 Likelihood	Internal Information Governance Information Commissioners Office (ICO)infringements/fines Criminal proceedings against the Council and individuals. Reputational damage	Internal Information Governance (Suite of Internal Controls) External Information Governance (Suite of Internal Controls)	Level 2 - Internal Governance (Risk / Performance Management)			Mike Howard 03-Jan-2020 In relation to External IT governance, the Head of ICT, Facilities and HR has confirmed the content of the risk entry for the purpose of quarter 3	Democratic Legal and Policy; Head of ICT, Facilities Management and HR

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		Complaints leading 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 Loss of IT services					monitoring.	
SR08 Waste Contract - Vehicle Fleet Management	12	Public safety put at risk through a failure to ensure that any and all vehicles used in the delivery of the waste contract are maintained properly. Service provision put at risk due to loss of vehicles due to mechanical issues. Reputational damage to the Council(s) caused by the failure of the Councils' appointed contractor. Failure to maintain properly audited systems that ensure vehicle safety could lead to legal action against an individual employee, the Contractor and the individual Councils. Potential breach of Health and Safety legislation as regards vehicle safety could lead to fines, vehicle prohibition notices. Poorly designed and embedded operating procedures including defined role and responsibilities for the posts of Duty Holder and Fleet /Contract Manager are not in place, adhered too or capable of being used to demonstrate compliance and discharge of duties.	notes are in place for key tasks.	Governance (Risk / Performance Management)	place quickly that address any issues/recommendations arising from any fleet condition reviews. Client Management team at CDC to ensure that robust and secure systems for recording details of servicing, maintenance and inspection are in place. Client Management team at CDC to ensure that periodic compliance / quality reviews are undertaken to demonstrate the efficacy of the systems used for	timely action plans to address	Community Services has detailed the Actions that are required of the Client Management Team at Chiltern District Council and will continue to be involved in there delivery.	Head of Housing, Environment and Community Services

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			Regular contract			solution to be used by driver of each vehicle for undertaking daily vehicle inspections.		
			meetings/ dialogue					
			Service based performance management information					
			Periodic formal quality reviews undertaken by Management					
			Identification and levying of penalty terms /points					