



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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TITLE OF REPORT:	ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the revised Risk Management Strategy to Members for consideration and approval.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members approve the revised Risk Management Strategy.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Risk identification and management is an integral element of organisational management to secure the achievement of the Council's corporate objectives. Risk Management should also form a key part of any budget making decisions.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 This report directly links into the process behind risk management and is intended to provide Members with a full understanding of how the Council deals with the risks it is facing.

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5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The Risk Management Strategy was last approved by Members in December 2008.
- 5.2 The primary objectives of the strategy are to:-
- Further develop risk management and raise its profile across the Council.

- Integrate risk management further into the organisational culture service planning and performance aspects of the organisation.
- Further embed risk management through the ownership and management of risk as part of all decision-making processes, both at officer and member level.
- Manage risk in accordance with best practice.
- Create effective processes that will allow the council to produce risk management assurance statements annually.

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

- 6.1 New performance framework including CAA.
Annual Governance.
Council Plan.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Risk Management Strategy is developed and managed by the Council's Senior Management Team. All service areas are therefore involved in its development through the service planning cycle.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 8.1 Annex A outlines the revisions to the Risk Management Strategy. The changes are shown in *italics*.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The implications of not managing the Council's risk are detailed in the strategy attached.

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Background Papers:

The Risk Management Strategy 2008 and the Corporate and Service Risk Registers.

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

All available through NYAP and Covalent.