



REPORT TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

Overview and Scrutiny has overseen work on Risk Management during 2008/09, this report summarises progress made and proposed actions for 2009/10.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview and Scrutiny are asked to approve further developments to the Risk Management process.

3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION

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 REPORT

During 2008/09 a number of key successes have been achieved in developing the risk management framework;

- Presentation of the risk Management Annual Report 2007/08 – O&S 3rd July 2008.
- Review and update of the Risk Management Strategy – 11th December 2008.
- A review of the Authority's Corporate Risk Register and the Action Plans produced to mitigate those risks identified. The register has now been incorporated within the Covalent performance management system – O&S 25th February 2009.
- Service Risk Registers reviewed. The risks of Fraud and Corruption, Partnerships failing and Poor Data Quality added to the registers in line with CAA Use of Resources guidance – March 2009.
- The risk management arrangements for one of the Council's 'significant' partnerships was presented and reviewed by O&S – 10th February 2009.
- Member training "Risk Management Awareness" – 30th September 2008.
- Officer training "Risk Management Awareness" – March 2009.

Members will appreciate the significant progress made and work undertaken throughout the year. Risk Management is, however an ongoing process.

Further work in 2009/10 will include the following:

- Review of the Corporate Risk Register and Action Plans.
- Review of the Service Risk Registers.
- Service Risk Registers to be presented to the O&S committee. The External auditors have recognised this as best practice.
- Service Risk Registers to be managed through the Covalent performance management system.
- Risk Management Strategy review.
- Further review of 'significant' partnership risk registers as part of the partnership governance arrangements.
- Awareness training for Members and key officers.
- Ensure continued compliance with CAA.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Further reports will be brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the responsible committee for monitoring and evaluating risks within the Council.

Background Papers:

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