



REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	29 JANUARY 2015
REPORT OF THE:	HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES CLARE SLATER
TITLE OF REPORT:	RISK STRATEGY ANNUAL REVIEW
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the annual review of the Risk Management Strategy to Members for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of the annual review of the Risk Management Strategy.

3.0 REASON 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, other decisions made by Committee and the management of service delivery, projects and partnerships.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 The strategy defines both the process behind risk management and the appetite of the Council to risk.

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5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The Risk Management Strategy was approved by Members in December 2010 and reviewed in 2011. The Risk Strategy for the Council is attached at Annex A.
- 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 of service planning and managing performance.
- 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 Risk management is essential to ensuring the delivery of the Council Business Plan and also maintaining effective governance arrangements. The arrangements for external audit are risk based.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Risk Management Strategy is developed and managed by the Council's Management Team. All service areas are therefore involved in its development through the Corporate Planning Framework.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

8.1 The risk management arrangements for the Council were reviewed by Veriau in 2012/13. The purpose of this review was to test the soundness of the systems associated with Risk Management to test the soundness of the Councils systems.

8.2 The annual plan for Risk reporting to Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been fully delivered this year.

8.3 The findings of the audit of partnerships have influenced the future arrangements for managing the risk associated with the Councils significant partnerships.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
The role of supporting Risk Management within the Council is now being undertaken by members of the Business Improvement Team within the Business Support Hub.
- b) Legal
None.
- c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)
None.

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Background Papers:

Council Plan 20014-17

Annual Governance Statement

Risk Registers:

- Corporate Risk Register
- Service Risk Registers
- Significant Partnerships Risk Register

Internal Audit of Risk Management Arrangements – August 2012

Internal Audit of Partnerships - 2013

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

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