

Report to Audit Committee

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By the Interim Director of Resources

INFORMATION REPORT



**Horsham
District
Council**

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Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

Risk Management ~ Quarterly Report

Executive Summary

This report includes an update on the Corporate Risk Register for consideration and provides an update on progress with the quarterly departmental risk register reviews.

Recommendations

That the Committee is recommended to:

- i) Note the contents of this report.

Reasons for Recommendations

As part of good governance, it is important that Members understand the key risks facing the Council.

Background Papers

Corporate Risk Register

Wards affected: All.

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Background Information

1 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Audit Committee is charged with responsibility for monitoring the effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements.
- 1.2 The report provides details of key changes to the Council's Corporate Risk Register, and an update on progress regarding the departmental risk registers (see Section 3 below).

2 Relevant Council Policy

- 2.1 The Council's Risk Management Policy is detailed in the Council's Risk Management Toolkit. The Council's Risk Management Strategy is a component part of the Policy, and this document sets out to achieve the following objectives:

- Fully integrate risk management into the culture of the Council and its strategic and service planning processes.
- Ensure that the risk management framework is understood and that ownership and accountability for managing risks is clearly assigned.
- Ensure the benefits of risk management are realised through maximising opportunities and minimising threats.
- Ensure consistency throughout the Council in the management of risk.

3 Details

- 3.1 The Senior Leadership Team has reviewed the Corporate Risk Register and comments have been updated to reflect the current position for each risk (see Appendix 1 and exempt Appendix 2).
- 3.2 The Corporate risk profile is shown in the following heat map which shows the total number of risks in each segment. The red / amber / green zones are in accordance with the Council's risk appetite.

	CRR02 CRR03 CRR06 CRR34 CRR35a	CRR01c CRR18 CRR19		CRR37
	CRR33	CRR05 CRR17	CRR01b	

- 3.3 There are five risks which are currently considered to be high, seven medium and one low risk. The high-risk areas relate to the following:

CRR37	Delay to the local plan preparation due to the requirement of the plan to demonstrate water neutrality, or as a result of significant / unexpected changes to government guidance.
CRR01b	Funding from Government is less generous than assumed in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) from 2023.
CRR01c	Decrease in Rateable Values due to appeals and businesses going under. This may cause the Council to fall below the business rates baseline, resulting in loss of funding.
CRR18	A malicious attacker exploits a known or unknown security weakness to penetrate the Council's ICT systems. IT not working due to environmental problems: fire, flood, power cut.
CRR19	Ongoing reduction in planning fees; reduced car parking income; increased homelessness; and increased housing benefit claims; leisure centres; property income; investment income.

- 3.4 The risk register in Appendix 1 provides full details of all risks on the "live" register together with details of the control actions and responsible officers. Risk CRR33 is shown in the exempt Appendix 2.

- 3.5 All 19 Departmental risk registers have been reviewed and updated.

4 Outcome of consultations

- 4.1 Officers who are responsible for control actions and the Senior Leadership Team have been consulted in updating the Corporate Risk Register.

5 Other courses of action considered but rejected

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6 Resource consequences

- 6.1 There are no financial or staffing consequences as this report is for noting.

7 Legal considerations and implications

- 7.1 There are no legal consequences as this report is for noting.

8 Risk assessment

- 8.1 The report provides an update on the Council's corporate risks and how these are being managed by the Senior Leadership Team. See Appendix 1 for the latest version of the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

9 Procurement implications

9.1 There are no procurement implications arising from this report as this report is for noting.

10. Equalities and human rights implications / public sector equality duty

10.1 There are no implications under equalities and human rights nor the public sector equality duty as this report is for noting.

11 Environmental implications

11.1 There are no environmental implications as this report is for noting.

12 Other considerations

12.1 There are no consequences arising from GDPR / Data Protection or crime and disorder as this report is for noting.