

Report to Audit Committee

12th December 2018

By the Director of Corporate Resources

INFORMATION REPORT



**Horsham
District
Council**

Not Exempt

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 this document is considered by Members.

Background Papers

Covalent Performance Management System / 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 3.1 and 3.2 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 Corporate Risk Register

The Senior Leadership Team has reviewed the Corporate Risk Register and comments have been updated to reflect the current position for each risk (see Appendix1).

Since the last report one new risk has been added:

CRR31	Unavailability of key officers, inadequate processes (including risk assessments and election project plan) leading to failure (including legal challenge).
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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.

	CRR01a CRR02 CRR03 CRR06	CRR01b CRR18	CRR30	
		CRR01c CRR05 CRR19 CRR25 CRR26	CRR31	
		CRR17		

There are four risks which are currently considered to be high, nine medium risks and one low risks. The high risk area relates to the following:

CRR01b	Funding from Government is less generous than assumed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) from 2020
CRR18	A malicious attacker exploits a known or unknown security weakness to penetrate the Council’s ICT systems.
CRR30	Increase in costs of homelessness, housing services, recycling, transport and anti-social behaviour
CRR31	Unavailability of key officers, inadequate processes (including risk assessments and election project plan) leading to failure (including legal challenge)

Please see the risk register in Appendix 1 which provides full details of all risks on the “live” register together with details of the control actions and responsible officers.

3.2 Departmental Risk Register

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 Financial Consequences

6.1 There are no financial consequences.

7 Legal Consequences

7.1 There are no legal consequences.

8 Staffing Consequences

8.1 There are no staffing consequences.

9 Risk Assessment

9.1 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.

10 Other Considerations

10.1 Risk management encompasses all risks within the organisation, including strategic, operational, and project/change risks. This includes consideration of Crime & Disorder; Human Rights; Equality & Diversity; and Sustainability as appropriate.