Corporate Risk Report June 2016 V3

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| CRR01 Financial | | | | CRR.01.1 Review current budgets in preparation for the 2017/18 budget | Dominic Bradley | | | June 2016 Update: The focus is now on refining and adding more detail to the | |
| | . Reductions in | | | CRR.01.2 Develop options to deal with pressure for consideration by Members | Dominic Bradley | | | 'savings' plans to find ways to generate more income, efficiencies and commissioning and transformation that will help close the budget deficits that are forecast from 2017/18 through to 2019/20. An updated MTFS together with the savings plans will be taken back to Council in October 2016. The NHB consultation which closed in March 2016 indicated a reduction of NHB compared to present levels. The updated October 2016 MTFS will include the assumptions from the outcome of the NHB consultation. | |
| Source: The Council is reliant on Central Government funding (eg. New Homes Bonus). Event: Grant funding from Government is less generous than assumed in the MTFSP. | funding . Adverse effect on morale . Financial losses . Failure to achieve agreed objectives | Jane Eaton | Likelihood | CRR.01.3 Develop a Medium Term Plan | Dominic Bradley | | Likelihood | | |
| CRR02 Managerial / Professional Source: The Council has a legal obligation to protect personal data. The Information Commissioner has the power to levy significant | . People and businesses come to harm and suffer loss that might not otherwise have | Jane Eaton consumed | | | CRR.02.1 Develop appropriate processes & procedures which underpin the IT Security Policy | Jane Eaton | | | June 2016 Undates Occasion |
| | occurred . Complaints / claims / litigation . Resources consumed in defending claims | | Likelihood | CRR.02.2 Provide a programme of training on Information Security to all staff. | Jane Eaton | | Likelihood | June 2016 Update: Ongoing information security training will be provided. | |
| financial penalties up to £500k for data breaches. Some information held by | . Financial losses . Censure by | | | CRR.02.3 Annual PSN Accreditation | Jane Eaton | | | | |

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| commercially sensitive, and it is important that such information is not leaked. | regulators . Adverse publicity . Reputation damage | | | | | | | |
| Event: Major data breach or leak of sensitive information to a third party. | | | | | | | | |
| CRR03 Legal Source: The Civil Contingencies Act places | | | | CRR.03.1 Update corporate business continuity plan and regular review. | Trevor Beadle | | | June 2016 Update: CRR.03.1 Our warm site is currently undergoing an IT |
| a legal obligation upon the Council, with partners, to assess the risk of, plan, and exercise for emergencies, as well as undertaking emergency and business continuity management. The Council is also responsible for warning and informing the public in relation to emergencies, and for advising local businesses. Event: The Council is found to have failed to fulfil its obligations under the Act in the event of a civil contingency. | that might not otherwise have occurred . Complaints / claims / litigation . Resources consumed in defending claims . Financial losses . Censure by | Natalie Brahma- Pearl | Likelihood | CRR.03.2 Update departmental business continuity plans and regular review. | Trevor Beadle | | Likelihood | upgrade to suit the needs of the business and the plan will be reviewed once the upgrade is complete. In addition, recommendations and lessons learned from the Crowmarsh (South Oxfordshire) fire are being incorporated into the HDC BC plan to improve resilience. CRR.03.2 All departmental plans are due for review in July/August 2016 and every department will be audited to ensure full reviews are undertaken. All reviewed plans will be stored in 'Resilience Direct' and made available to SLT. |
| CRR05 Governance Source: Managers are responsible for ensuring that controls to mitigate risks are consistently applied. | . Failure of business objectives . Health & Safety . Financial . Service Delivery . Compliance with Regulations . Personal Privacy | Jane Eaton | Likelihood | CRR.05.1 Officer training CRR.05.2 Raise the profile of risk and control by incorporating them into the performance management framework | Jane Eaton Jane Eaton | | Deg Likelihood | June 2016 Update: No change. Risk is considered to be low, but remains on the risk register for monitoring purposes. |

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| unaware of expected | Infringement . Reputation damage | | | (e.g. integrate into appraisal process). | | | | |
| controls or do not comply with control procedures. | | | | CRR.05.3 All Service Managers required to sign an Assurance Statement. (By 30th June Annually). | Jane Eaton | | | |
| | | | | CRR.06.1 Set up a Health & Safety Forum with clear terms of reference (by 30/11/15). | Robert Laban | | | June 2016 Update: CRR06.1 - Complete CRR06.2 - The Corporate H&S Adviser is continuing a |
| | | | | CRR.06.2 Develop and implement a corporate inspection strategy (By 30/11/16). | Robert Laban / Health & Safety Officer | | | programme of inspections; the introduction of Premises Coordinators (PCs) at all sites has been agreed and 100% of localities have |
| CDDOC | | | | CRR.06.3 Clarity of responsibilities and implementation of a training programme | Robert Laban | | | been assigned. A pilot log for PCs has been developed and is being tested – training of PCs to start in |
| CRR06 Physical Source: The Council is responsible for the health & safety of its clients, staff and other stakeholders, owns and maintains significant assets, and also has responsibility for H&S in some partner organisations where it does not have operational control. Event: A health & safety failure occurs. | . People come to harm . Complaints/claims/ litigation . Financial losses . Censure by audit / inspection . Reputation damage . Adverse effect on morale . Stress and absenteeism | Jane Eaton | Likelihood | CRR.06.4 Implement a central repository for risk assessments (by 30/06/16). | Robert Laban / Health & Safety Officer | | Likelihood | June 2016. Estimated completion date 30/11/16. CRR 06.3 – This is continuing; H&S responsibilities have been set out, generically, in the Corporate H&S Policy; more specific responsibilities are being set out as each existing H&S subject policy is reviewed and as an additional suite of H&S subject policies is introduced; the reviews and introductions are now 50% complete. The Corporate Health & Safety Adviser has drafted a H&S training matrix, now awaiting direction from the soon to |

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| | | | | | | | | be appointed L&D Officer so it can fit into the wider corporate L&D programme. CRR 06.4 – Action is still outstanding. The Corporate Health & Safety Adviser has contacted Census IT to ask advice on a suitable electronic solution. |
| CRR07 Managerial / Professional Source: There is a lack of corporate consistency in terms of the way in which contracts are managed, | . Failure of business objectives | | | CRR.07.1 Specific contract management guidelines will be developed. (By 30/06/16). | Mark Pritchard | | | June 2016 Update: |
| and contract management is inadequate in some areas. Event: Failure of contract / poor service delivery / failure to achieve value for money. | . Service delivery . Compliance with regulations . Personal Privacy Infringement . Reputation damage | Jane Eaton | Likelihood | CRR.07.2 A contract management training programme will be designed and implemented. (By 30/06/16). | Mark Pritchard | | Likelihood | Contract Management guidance is currently being drafted. Target completion date 30/6/16. |
| CRR08 Governance Source: The Council's decision-making processes are based on a Constitution that is overly bureaucratic and unnecessarily complicated Event: Non-compliance with the Constitution and delays in decision-making | . Opportunities lost . Complaints / claims / litigation . Financial losses . Lack of openness and transparency | Paul Cummins | Likelihood | CRR.08.1 The Council's Constitution will be updated using the 2011 template. (By December 2016). | Paul Cummins | | Likelihood | June 2016 Update: Members completed a review of Governance and recommendations were adopted by Full Council in April 2016. At the same meeting the Full Council formed a Constitutional Review Group to undertake a review of the Constitution. |

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| CRR09 Governance | | | | CRR.09.1 Member training (ongoing) | Paul Cummins | | | June 2016 Update: Ethical Governance training was undertaken in March 2016. In addition the | |
| Source: The Council's decision-making relies upon the taking of | . Poor/ultra vires | | | CRR.09.2 Officer training (ongoing) | Paul Cummins | | | | |
| professional advice from officers or external consultants Event: Advice is not taken. | decisions . Complaints/claims/ litigation . Financial losses . Reputation damage | Tom Crowley | Likelihood | CRR.09.3 Member briefings to improve communications | Paul Cummins | | है Likelihood | Governance Review included three all Member briefings on Governance including the changes that were agreed at Full Council in April 2016. | |
| CRR12 Partnership / Supplier / | | | | CRR.12.1 Staff training | Mark Pritchard / Roger Dennis | ② | | | |
| Contractual Source: The Council is subject to EU | | | | | CRR.12.2 Up-to-date procedures | Mark Pritchard / Roger Dennis | | | June 2016 Update: |
| procurement rules and regulations, is putting more services out to tender, and contractors | . Financial losses | | Likelihood | CRR.12.3 Reference to Procurement Team for advice | Mark Pritchard / Roger Dennis | | Likelihood | Staff training programme completed. Procurement Toolkit being revised at the moment. Procurement team now assisting departments more on lower value tenders due to transparency requirements and uncertainty over procedures. June 2016 Update: The Senior Leadership Team will continue to review the quality of business cases. | |
| are increasingly challenging contract awards. Event: A contractor successfully challenges an award (e.g. on inflexible price/quality ratios). | inspection . Reputation damage . Adverse effect on morale | Jane Eaton | | CRR.12.4 Proactive monitoring by the Procurement Team | Mark Pritchard / Roger Dennis | | | | |
| CRR13 Governance Source: Decisions are not always based on data. | . Poor decisions | Tom | | CRR.13.1 Robust evaluation of business cases to inform decisions (ongoing) | SLT | | | | |
| Event: Wrong decision made. | . Poor VFM . Increased costs / financial losses | Crowley | Likelihood | CRR.13.2 Ensure that decisions are properly documented (Ongoing) | SLT | | | | |

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| | | | | CRR.14.1 Ensure that leisure priorities are understood within the CIL schedule process and keep under review | Trevor Beadle | | | June 2016 Update: The CIL Draft Charging Schedule was agreed by Council on 24 February for consultation and was published alongside the Draft Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 6 May |
| | | | | CRR.14.2 Identify the impact of funding erosion with competing partners e.g. WSCC | Barbara Childs | | | |
| CRR14 Customer/Citizen Source: The negotiation of Section 106 and CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) are essential for ensuring outcomes for residents. Event: Failure to negotiate the optimum outcome. | Reduced funding to deliver outcomes for the community | Chris Lyons | Likelihood | CRR.14.3 Update the Planning Obligations SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) and CIL charging schedule. | Barbara Childs | | Likelihood | 2016. Comments are invited until 17 June 2016. The draft SPD will be a background document referred to by the Inspector during his Examination of the CIL Charging Schedule. Further work is being undertaken by Leisure Officers regarding appropriate standards for sport, recreation and open space provision, based on previously published evidence. It may be necessary to re-consult on the draft SPD once this amendment has been made. The timetable for CIL preparation allows for this prior to Examination. CIL Preparation Timetable: Submission – September 2016. Examination (Inspector appointed – Geoff Salter) – October 2016 Adoption – December 2016. |

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| CRR16 Source: The Council has a statutory responsibility to employ the services of a suitably qualified and experienced Section 151 Officer to oversee the | | | | CRR.16.01 The Section 151 Officer at MSDC has been appointed as Interim Section 151 Officer to provide appropriate advice as required. | Dominic Bradley | ② | | |
| Council's financial affairs. In addition, the Section 151 Officer, in her capacity as Director of Corporate Resources, has responsibility for other important areas of the Council (namely, CenSus ICT, Legal & Democratic Services, HR & OD, Risk Management & Audit, Business Services, and Commissioning & Performance. Event: The recent departure of | Failure of business objectives Health & Safety Financial Service delivery Compliance with regulations Personal privacy infringement Reputation | Tom Crowley | Likelihood | CRR.16.02 The Chief Executive will assume management responsibility for the Director of Corporate Resources' (DOCR) direct reports until the new DOCR commences employment. | Tom Crowley | | nbact | June 2016 Update: The Director of Corporate Resources is now in post, and therefore this risk will be removed from the register. |

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| CRR17 Source: The External Auditors | | | | CRR.17.1 Increase / improve the level of quality control checking. | Tim Delany | | | |
| audit the HDC Benefits Grant Subsidy return to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on an annual basis to identify errors. Targeted sample testing is undertaken to ensure that housing benefit claims have been correctly administered, and extended sample testing is carried out should errors be identified. The amount of the error is then extrapolated across the entire population (for that particular cell) to produce an estimate of the total error amount. Where errors are identified, the Subsidy Claim may be qualified, and financial penalties may occur. It is important to note that the Administration of Housing Benefit is undertaken by the CenSus Partnership and Benefits staff are employed by Mid-Sussex. Event: Errors may be made which are not identified by quality control checking. This may result in the Subsidy claim being qualified and/or financial losses. | Financial Service Delivery Compliance with regulations Reputation | Jane Eaton | Likelihood | CRR.17.2 Continued implementation of the Census Quality Plan which came out of the 2013/14 audit. | Tim Delany | | Likelihood | June 2016 Update: Following receipt of notice from Adur to withdraw from the Census Revenues and Benefits Partnership, the CenSus Board has appointed a specialist benefits consultant to help with the redesign of the service and second phase of the project. A review of how the service operates will be carried out, including issues around benefit subsidy. However, it is expected that there will be further issues with the 2015/16 claim. |