

**Report to Accounts, Audit and Governance
Committee**

23rd March 2016

By the Chief Executive



**Horsham
District
Council**

INFORMATION REPORT

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 these documents are considered by Members.

Background Papers

Management Information obtained from Covalent

Wards affected: All

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Background Information

1 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Accounts, Audit and Governance 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).
- 1.3 Section 3.3 below provides details of improvements to the Council's risk management arrangements.

2 Relevant Council policy

- 2.1 Risk management is an important part of the Council's Governance framework and supports the Council's District Plan priorities and corporate objectives.

3 Details

3.1 Corporate Risk Register

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has reviewed the Corporate Risk Register and comments have been updated to reflect the current position for each risk (see Appendix 2). As requested by Committee, the following risks have been added to the Register:

CRR16	Temporary absence of Section 151 Officer
CRR17	Benefit Subsidy Claim

3.2 Departmental Risk Registers

19 out of 20 departmental risk registers have been reviewed and updated. The remaining register is currently being comprehensively reviewed.

3.3 Improvements to the Risk Management Process

The Chief Internal Auditor has provided updated training to all service managers and risk champions on how to manage their risks.

4 Outcome of Consultations

- 4.1 Not applicable.

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 2 for the latest version of the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

Appendix 1

Consequences of the Proposed Action

How will the proposal help to reduce Crime and Disorder?	Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council to do all that it reasonably can to reduce crime and disorder. There are no crime and disorder implications as a result of this report.
How will the proposal help to promote Human Rights?	Effective risk management helps to ensure that the Council achieves its objectives within this area.
What is the impact of the proposal on Equality and Diversity?	Not relevant.
How will the proposal help to promote Sustainability?	This report has no effect on sustainability.