

Title of report: Corporate Risk Register

Meeting: Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting date: Monday 30 January 2023

Report by: Head of Corporate Performance

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

To consider the status of the council's corporate risk register in order to monitor the effectiveness of risk management within the performance management framework.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) The committee determine any recommendations it wishes to ensure effective risk management.**

Alternative options

1. The committee could choose not to review the Corporate Risk Register. This is not recommended as regular monitoring should provide assurance that risk is being managed effectively within the council.

Key considerations

2. In accordance with the council's Performance Management Framework (PMF) and associated Risk Management Plan, it is the committee's role to ensure that risk management is effectively managed and in line with the processes set out in the PMF.
3. Risks are identified as part of daily council business, self-assessment as part of business planning processes, as well as a result from regulator and audit activity. As these risks are identified, they are scored based on the likelihood and impact, using the methodology within the Risk Management Plan (RMP). Risks are reported and escalated based on their residual

or current score. The council's Corporate Risk Register therefore holds the highest, most immediate risks across the organisation; the table below provides a summary of risks based on their scores, the associated monitoring required and the action necessary.

	Green	Yellow	Amber	Red
	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
Score	1-4	5-8	9-15	16-25
Register*	Service		Directorate	Corporate
Action	Unlikely	Might	Should	Must
Review frequency	Quarterly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly

- NB: Risks that appear on the Corporate Risk Register will also appear on their relevant Directorate and Service Risk Registers

- It is the responsibility of risk owners to ensure that risk scores are regularly reviewed and scores, controls and future mitigating activity are updated where necessary.
- The Director of Strategy will bring a report to the committee's meeting in March that sets out the principles and approach that the Council is taking to managing corporate risks strategically.

Corporate risk register

- The heat map below shows the current risks on the council's Corporate Risk Register as at the end of December 2022. References and the full details of the risks can be found at appendix A.

Corporate Risk Register - December 2022

		IMPACT			
		4		5	
LIKELIHOOD	5	CR.74 --		CR.67 --	
	4	CR.61 -- CR.63 -- CR.69 -- CR.70 -- CR.71 -- CR.72 --	CR.75 -- CR.77 -- CR.79 E CR.80 * CR.81 *	CR.60 -- CR.64 -- CR.68 -- CR.78 --	
		Directorate RR (9 - 15)	Service RR (5 - 8)	Service RR (1 - 4)	
		CR.73 D	CR.76 D		

-- No Change

E Escalated

D De-escalated

★ New in quarter

↑ Residual Risk Increased

↓ Residual Risk Decreased

7. Since the last report to committee (October 2022), there have been 2 new corporate risks and 1 risk escalated to the corporate risk register:
- a) An escalation of the risk in relation to CRR.79 Herefordshire fuel poverty level
 - b) A new risk in relation to CRR.80 Supply chain capacity (transport)
 - c) A new risk in relation to CRR.81 Reviews - capacity, timeliness and statutory duty of care
8. The table below provides a breakdown of the current corporate risks by directorate, as well as the number of risks currently being managed at directorate level.

	Corporate Risks	Directorate Risks*
Community Wellbeing	3	21
Children and Young People	6	10
Economy and Environment	8	43
Corporate Support	-	26
Total	17	100

* Includes corporate risks

9. Directorate risk registers can be found at appendices B-E. A summary of changes across directorate risk registers is found in the table below.

	Community Wellbeing	Children and Young People	Economy and Environment	Corporate Support
New risk	1		2	3
Closed risk	1		2	2
Escalated			1	
De-escalated from DRR		1	1	1
Increased score			3	
Reduced score	1			1
No change	19	10	38	22

* Some risks have both increased in residual score and escalated to the Directorate Risk Register; in this instance, the table above only counts these risks in the escalation row.

Community impact

10. In accordance with the principles of the council's adopted code of corporate governance, the council must ensure that it has an effective performance management system that facilitates effective and efficient delivery of planned services. Effective risk management is an important component of this performance management system.

Environmental impact

11. This decision itself has minimal environmental impacts, however effective risk management will increase the likelihood of the council achieving its strategic objectives, including to “protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live”.

Equality duty

12. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

13. There are no equality duty implications arising from this report.

Resource implications

14. There are no resource implications arising from this report, however effective risk management should increase the likelihood of the council delivering its budget.

Legal implications

15. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Risk management

16. There are no direct risks as a result of this report. It is clear that we still have some way to go to embed the new approach. By reviewing the corporate risk register on a regular basis, greater assurance is given that the council manages its risk effectively.

Consultees

17. None.

Appendices

- Appendix A Corporate risk register
- Appendix B Community wellbeing directorate risk register
- Appendix C Children and young people directorate risk register
- Appendix D Economy and environment directorate risk register
- Appendix E Corporate centre risk register

Background papers

None identified.