

“Maintain a Sustainable Budget” – Strategic Risk Update

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1. Summary / link to the County Plan

- 1.1. This is the update for the strategic risk ORG0043 Maintain a sustainable budget.
- 1.2. The management of risk has a direct link with the County Vision and Business Plan and all the priorities contained within.

2. Issues for consideration / recommendations

- 2.1. The Council’s strategic risk; “maintain a sustainable budget” (appendix A) is presented to allow members of the committee to assure themselves that the mitigation is appropriate and being managed inline with the Councils risk management policy.
- 2.2. Following review of the risk on 31 October 2018 the risk owner commented “Overall review undertaken; numerous actions underway which if successful over time will lead to a reduction in the Likelihood score. This cannot be assessed, however, until confidence is established in spending control during the remainder of 2018/19 and until there are credible proposals to bridge the 2019/20 funding gap”.

3. Background

- 3.1. Audit Committee members requested at the July meeting that an update be provided concerning the management of the strategic risk “maintaining a sustainable budget” (ORG0043) be presented to each committee meeting.
- 3.2. ORD0043 is the highest rated strategic risk scoring 5x5(25) very high)). This score has been at this level since January 2018 following the month 6 budget monitoring report which was presented to Cabinet in November 2017.
- 3.3. Peter Lewis, the Interim Director of Finance, is the present ‘risk owner’ and is; responsible for the management of this risk, for the identification of suitable ‘actions’ to control the risk and, identification of the appropriate officer who has responsibility for the completion of the action.
- 3.4. Under the Action Required column, there are currently twelve live actions. You will see from the risk report “appendix A”, the most recent commentary by the action owner, under the individual action title, from the last review.

4. Consultations undertaken

- 4.1. Each relevant SLT Director is responsible for reviewing their risks, in many cases in conjunction with the Risk Manager, and assuring themselves that the actions for mitigation are appropriate and delivering the expected outcome, as outlined in the Councils Risk Management Policy.

5. Implications

- 5.1. How successful we are in dealing with the risks we face can also have a major impact on the achievement of our corporate priorities and the delivery of services.

6. Background papers

- 6.1. Councils Risk Management policy & Strategy

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author