Somerset County Council

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Strategic Risk Report - Somerset County Council (SLT)

Appendix A

Risk Ref	Risk	Uncontrolled Risk	Action Required (In progress Only)	Control Owner Review Date Target Date	Current Risk Score	Controlled Risk Assessment for Financial Year	Comments
ORG0043 Risk Owner: Sheila Collins Next Risk Review Date: 26/04/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2018: Maintain a sustainable budget: Reserves will not be sufficient to manage any in-year overspends for the forthcoming financial year 2018/19. That we don't set a balanced budget for 2019/20. Risk that we don't have a short and medium term financial plan for SCC. Cause: Unforeseen expenditure and overspends exceed the planned provision. Potential misunderstanding of, or assumptions around, ownership of budgets and savings Consequence: A balanced budget has been set for 2018/19 but there is considerable risk that not all savings will be achieved and overspends may exceed contingency and reserves. There is a set of actions to keep this in check. Savings overestimated resulting in a financial gap. Financial savings are double counted	Likelihood :5 Impact :5 Red - V. High Risk	 FIT-Heightened budget monitoring on those services showing budget overspend Part of the 10 point plan, in progress; Childrens services budget reviewed and rebased for 2018/19 & 2019/20. All proposals for charge agreed by Cabinet in Sept 2018 now implemented in month 6 monitoring, which means new control totals for which are of the budget. Projected outturn overspend now reduced to £3.2m Scrutiny Policies & Place have requested monthly monitoring updates and these will also be presented to Cabinet <i>In Progress</i> (90% complete) FIT-Review of the earmarked reserves to establish if any of those could be rescinded and returned to general reserves Part of the 10 point plan, in progress; review has been undertaken by Dir. Finance and latest situation is reported in Sept Cabinet report. Monitoring of reserves will be ongoing. Monitoring of reserves continues on a monthly basis, with a particular emphasis for production of the budget reports for 2019/20 <i>In Progress</i> (90% complete) 	Sheila Collins 29/03/2019 30/04/2019 Sheila Collins 24/05/2019 24/05/2019	Likelihood :4 Impact : 4 Red - V. High Risk	Likelihood :4 Impact :4 Red - V. High Risk	22/02/2019 Improvements to the projected outturn for 2018/19 and the setting of a balanced, robust budget for 2019/20 have allowed for the likelihood and impact scores to be reviewed.

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			 focussing on contract spend in all areas but specifically in Children's services Part of the 10 point plan continues. PeopleToo have just reported on their investigations in regard of childrens services and have identified several £m of opportunities which will influence spend in 2018/19 & 2019/20 and beyond. New Head of Procurement is undertaking an exercise to review the top 100 contracts and to drive out savings. In Progress (10% complete) 	Sheila Collins 02/05/2019 29/03/2019			
			• FIT-Short term financial intervention Monitoring of the 2018/19 short-term interventions (MTFP2) is now rigorously undertaken by the FIT, with FIT buddies in regular liaison with service to ensure progress towards the delivery of the savings is being made according to the agreed timetable. <i>In Progress</i> (90% complete)	Sheila Collins 29/03/2019 31/05/2019			
			• FIT-Fit governance in place and due dilligence on control totals ensuring only one budget adjusted FIT governance framework in place. Waiting room process and due dilligence on control totals is ensuring that only one budget is adjusted. In Progress (80% complete)	Lizzie Watkin 31/05/2019 28/06/2019			
			 FIT-Process in place where by all all savings proposals require director and finance manager sign off In Progress 	Lizzie Watkin 28/12/2018			

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ORG0011 Risk Owner: Paula Hewitt Next Risk Review Date: 11/04/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2016: Health & Safety: Death or injury to a member(s) of the public or a member(s) of staff, volunteers, visiting contractors or service users Cause: Failure to manage our activities, assets, premises and contracts in compliance with our statutory duties and organisational policies in respect of Health & Safety, either directly, or indirectly through our strategic partners Consequence: 1. Death or serious harm ("dangerous occurrence" (defined by legislation)) to a service user, pupil, member of the public or a member of staff; 2. Criminal prosecution and enforcement action under H&S / Fire / Corporate Manslaughter legislation. 3. Civil Claims and/or personal litigation claims for negligence 4. Adverse publicity and damage to reputation for the Council 5. Increased audit inspection 6. Increased costs and financial penalties	Likelihood :5 Impact :5 Red - V. High Risk	 Create common processes so staff can be interchanged across County 25/10/2017 - nothing has changed to the status below as the FM review is ongoing 20/12/2017 - Review due to complete in May 2018, no change to status. 21/05/2018 - Review complete - associated changes due to be implemented with effect from 1st September 2018. 04/09/2018 - Taunton restructure implemented 30/08/18 Business Support functions due to move with effect from 1 November. Processes to be produced for remaining FM tasks. 18/12/18 - Staff Instructions created on One Note, Policies being reviewed at regular workshops, training plan in place. 18/03/19 structure change in County Hall team and vacancies in areas. intend to have staff instructions complete by 31/08/19 <i>In Progress</i> (75% complete) 	Heidi Boyle 18/06/2019 <i>31/08/2019</i>	Likelihood :3 Impact : 5 Amber - High Risk	Likelihood :3 Impact :5 Amber - High Risk	11/03/2019 Risk score unchanged. Resources remain a concern P Hewitt 11/03/19

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ORG0009 Risk Owner: Julian Wooster Next Risk Review Date: 20/06/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2016: Safeguarding Children: We fail to deliver our statutory service delivery duties and legal obligations in relation to vulnerable children. Cause: Systemic leadership, financial constraints and management challenges Consequence: Possible abuse, injury or loss of life to a vulnerable child caused by service failure. Reduced public confidence; emergency measures; increased inspection; personal litigation claims; negative publicity for both the Council and partners; possible financial penalty or service is removed from Council control.	Likelihood :4 Impact :5 Red - V. High Risk	• CYPP 7 Improvement Programmes Review: The Children's Trust Executive are pleased with the progress against the 7 Improvement Programmes, but recognise there is still much work to be done. Action plans for 2017/18 have been drawn up with a focus on a stepped improvement over this second year to ensure year 3 achieves the outcomes of the CYPP in 2019 In Progress (35% complete)	Adrienne Parry 20/06/2019 <i>31/03/2019</i>	Likelihood :3 Impact : 5 Amber - High Risk	Likelihood :3 Impact :5 Amber - High Risk	20/03/2019 Ofsted undertook a Focused Visit (Inspection) of our front door children's social care services, including aspects of early help on 29th and 30th January. The Inspectors visited our early help hub, first response and assessment teams in Taunton, Bridgwater and Yeovil. The inspectors identified many areas of good practice including: • the commitment to strengthen families so children can remain at home - they saw good examples of social workers working alongside families to improve parenting and family circumstances • improved proportionate, succinct and timely assessments • confirmed that we have the right thresholds, and that we are generous in helping partners to take on their responsibilities Such evidence of continuous improvement is especially pleasing. The Inspectors do not make graded judgements at the outcome of a focused visit. Where inspectors find serious weaknesses, they identify areas for priority action. No priority actions were identified.

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							 However, 4 areas of practice were identified by Inspectors to require improvement to get to 'good'. These are: Ensuring the child's lived experience is routinely captured to inform decision-making Being clear with families in all cases about the focus and time required for any assessment Ensuring consistency of practice across all the teams in Somerset Improving awareness and practice in relation to working with perpetrators of domestic abuse in families
ORG0007 Risk Owner: Paula Hewitt Next Risk Review Date: 11/06/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2018 update: Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery may not be delivered as expected by services in the event of County Hall failure. Cause: County Hall remains a single point of failure for some elements of connectivity e.g. Mobile networks. There is also a lack of formal arrangements in place, or being finalised, that enable managers to review risks in the planning for business continuity Consequence: Major disruptive challenge to service provision and unplanned costs.	Likelihood :3 Impact :5 15 Amber - High Risk	• Business Continuity Steering Group Hold regular meetings of the Business Continuity Steering Group. Membership includes SCC service representatives and colleagues from the District Councils. Purpose of the Steering Group is to embed and promote effective business continuity arrangements throughout the local authorities and contracted services. In 2018/19 meetings were held in July 2018, autumn 2018 and January 2019. <i>In Progress</i> (75% complete)	Nicola Dawson 18/06/2019 31/03/2019		Likelihood :3 Impact :4 12 Yellow - Medium Risk	11/03/2019 Risk score remains unchanged P Hewitt 11/03/19

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			• Annual Corporate Business Continuity Exercise Hold a table-top exercise in spring 2019 to test the SCC Corporate Business Continuity Plan and the supporting service level plans. Invite SCC services and district councils to participate. Build on the lessons identified in Ex Viral Crisis (March 2017) and Exercise Long Reach (April 2018) In Progress (10% complete)	Nicola Dawson 11/03/2019 31/03/2019			
			 Mobile phone network Review 08/01/2019 - D Littlewood: I have spoken with procurement around multi-network SIM cards, that can roam between networks if one network carrier goes down. These are expensive at present under our current contract, but we are looking to reduce cost as part of the Mobile telecoms review which is still underway. There is also an option for parts of the business to move some of its SIM cards over to an existing Vodafone contract, so half of the service is with EE, and half with Vodafone, but again, reducing the number of phones on each contract, increases the cost of the calls and data, so we are working with procurement on the best approach between cost and continuity. In the short term, we have now released Outlook and access to Somerset County Council mailboxes, to personal devices, so if individuals are on other networks, they could still access email and have contact (as proven in the outage of the EE network a few weeks ago) In Progress (25% complete) 	Dave Littlewood 30/09/2019			

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ORG0002 Risk Owner: Paula Hewitt Next Risk Review Date: 18/05/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2015: Commissioning: Failure to adequately commission services and/or failure in the market and supply chain Cause: Demand led response and not outcome driven (trying to deliver the same service with less resources is no longer feasible), limits the ability to deploy resources previously identified for investment in preventative services Consequence: Resulting in transfer and a reduction in planned long term savings and the council being unable to meet statutory obligations and/or to deliver the County Plan objectives, Incur additional financial costs, fail to achieve value for money, reputation damage, vulnerable individuals at greater risk, financial penalty	Likelihood :5 Impact :5 Red - V. High Risk	• Refresh Market Position Statement to better reflect Adult Services priorities In Progress (50% complete)	Niki Shaw 29/03/2019 29/03/2019	Likelihood :3 Impact : 4 12 Yellow - Medium Risk	Likelihood :3 Impact :4 12 Yellow - Medium Risk	18/02/2019 Risk remain however actions needed to be reviewed and updated to reflect current work. P Hewitt
ORG0032 Risk Owner: Simon Clifford 2 Next Risk Review Date: 07/07/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2017: Information Governance: An event occurs that results in a statutory breach of data protection legislation. This could be an ICT security vulnerability that compromises the PSN network, a significant disclosure of sensitive personal data or another procedural breach of the EU GDPR. Cause: An intentional exploitation of a security vulnerability in the SCC network by hostile agents such as hackers or malware. Non-compliance with the articles and	Likelihood :5 Impact :4 20 Red - V. High Risk	• Publication of EUGDPR Privacy Notice The EU-GDPR requires the publication of a comprehensive Privacy Notice detailing the services provided, the personal data processed, the sharing agreements, the retention periods and access arrangements for data subjects In Progress (85% complete)	Rebecca Martin 15/09/2019 01/04/2019	Likelihood :3 Impact : 4 12 Yellow - Medium Risk	Likelihood :3 Impact :4 12 Yellow - Medium Risk	07/01/2019 risk continues to be monitored and has eased slightly due to the suspension of the data migration to the Cloud. update to that suspension to be agreed in new financial year.

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	recitals in the EU GDPR in 2018. A significant unintentional data breach of sensitive personal or business data in email, post, fax by an employee, contractor, service provider or an SCC Councillor. Consequence: The Council is exposed to fraud, loss of reputation, legal action by clients or employees and / or the possibility of fines from the Information Commissioner's Office (currently estimated at £100k - £200k but potentially much		 Induction and Refresher training for Information Security and Data Protection The EU-GDPR requires that all employees are fully aware of their responsibilities for processing personal data. SCC will endeavour to ensure all new employees are trained in Information Security and Data Protection within 3 months of commencing employment. In Progress (99% complete) 	Rebecca Martin 15/09/2019 15/04/2019			
	higher in 2018). Members of the Public are exposed to harm or distress due to the significant unauthorised disclosure of personal data.		• Publication and distribution of EU-GDPR policies to all employees The EU-GDPR requires that all employees are made aware of SCC policy for processing personal data. SCC will endeavour to ensure all employees have received mandatory Information Security and Data Protection, by Metacompliance, prior to the adoption of the EUGDPR in may 2018. In Progress (75% complete)	Rebecca Martin 15/09/2019 15/04/2019			
			 Information Sharing Agreements and Contracts Somerset County Council will review and implement all current Information Sharing Agreements and contracts in compliance with the EU-GDPR In Progress (70% complete) 	Rebecca Martin 15/09/2019 15/04/2019			
			• Information Asset register Creation of a comprehensive Information Asset Register to enable SCC to identify where personal data is held, who is responsible for it and any risks associated with processing; Major deferral to allow Microsoft to implement the IAR In Progress (25% complete)	Rebecca Martin 15/07/2019 15/04/2019			

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			• Effective management of Data Subjects rights SCC must ensure that all data subjects rights are respected with regard to lawful and fair processing and specifically access to records and DSAR processing In Progress (50% complete)	Rebecca Martin 15/04/2019 15/04/2019			
ORG0024 Risk Owner Simon Cliffo Next Risk Review Dat 07/05/2019	Cause:	Likelihood :4 Impact :4 16 Red - V. High Risk	 Putting in place effective contract management at a senior level throughout the Council Update 25/06: Greater commercial awareness cascaded through organisation. Establishing greater clarity between day - to -day Contract Management via operations and Commercial management delivered via procurement team. as part of SWAP Audit In Progress (90% complete) 	Simon Clifford 2 18/09/2019 03/06/2019	Likelihood :3 Impact : 4 12 Yellow - Medium Risk	Likelihood :3 Impact :3 9 Yellow - Medium Risk	07/01/2019 review underway to create comprehensive register of contracts and named contract managers plus commissioning information.
ORG0022 Risk Owner Simon Cliffo Next Risk Review Dat 25/08/2019	our systems, property, reputation or one of our other resources.	Likelihood :3 Impact :5 15 Amber - High Risk	 Increase awareness & understnding within SCC around suspicious or unsolicited email with attachments & website file downloads 05092018 - investigate free & open source anti phishing software to increase awareness with staff 14/01/2019: ICT have looked at a number of open source products and are talking with Health partnership about the products they use to hold Phishing campaigns. I've asked the IG team to investigate manual process and training that other organisations use in order to inform and train users of the risks. In Progress (50% complete) 	Dave Littlewood 28/07/2019		Likelihood :3 Impact :3 9 Yellow - Medium Risk	25/02/2019 ATP update not required as Cloud migration stalled - when it restarts a view will be taken re ATP. Moving to Cloud reduces risk of County Hall being single point of failure.

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	lower level of security and increased vulnerability to malicious attacks by third parties on our IT systems.						
ORG0001 Risk Owner: Paula Hewitt Next Risk Review Date: 11/06/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2014: Civil Emergencies: A major civil emergency results in loss of life and major disruption to services Cause: we do not adequately plan for civil emergencies including the testing of plans and prioritisation of our resources, Consequence: impact on Somerset County Council's reputation and standing locally and Nationally	Likelihood :4 Impact :5 20 Red - V. High Risk	• Deliver phase one of the SLACCP Training and Exercise Policy Review Summary: Delivery is underway of the SLACCP Training and Exercising Strategy. This will deliver a consistent and sustainable rolling programme of role and capability based training. It aims to make full use of IT eg e-learning, webinars etc as well as face-to-face training and exercises. First phase started roll-out in October with the introduction to emergency planning and response e-learning package. Other e-learning packages are now available for some of the emergency roles outlines in the Corporate Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. During November, strategic and operational training sessions were delivered for SSDC staff. Other sessions are being scheduled and further e-learning packages are under development. <i>In Progress</i> (75% complete)	Nicola Dawson 11/03/2019 29/03/2019	Likelihood :2 Impact : 5 10 Amber - High Risk	Likelihood :2 Impact :5 10 Amber - High Risk	11/03/2019 Risk scores remain unchanged. P Hewitt 11/03/19
			• Deliver an annual programme of resilience activities. Deliver an annual resilience work programme for all six Somerset local authorities including development of capabilities, plans and procedures for emergency planning, preparation, response and recovery. Delivery of the programme to be steered and monitored by the Somerset Resilience Board which meets three times a year (June, September and February). Recent plans delivered: SLACCP Evacuation & Shelter Plan; Elected Members Emergency Handbook; Hinkley Point Off-Site Plan. In Progress (75% complete)	Nicola Dawson 03/03/2019 31/03/2019			

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Risk Owner: Stephen Chandler Next Risk Review Date: 07/04/2019	Risk Description: Strategic Risk 2016: Safeguarding Adults: We fail to deliver our statutory safeguarding activity in relation to adults Cause: there is a risk that death or injury to a vulnerable member of the public or a member of staff, where the county council has not completely fulfilled its responsibilities may occur Consequence: leading to increased audit inspections, personal litigation claims, adverse publicity for the council and possible financial penalties	Likelihood :3 Impact :5 Amber - High Risk	 Improve adult safeguarding conversion rates to ensure team time is spent most effectively on those requiring support In Progress (80% complete) 	Niki Shaw 31/03/2019 29/03/2019		Likelihood :2 Impact :5 10 Amber - High Risk	07/01/2019 New strategic manager now in post responsible for safeguarding and mental health social care. recent improvement in safeguarding referal rates performance, with Nov 2018 performance locally at 63.2%. We have also now had the national SAC report for 2017/18 published (Nov 2018) which shows that Somerset is comparing very positively with the national average for safeguarding conversions (38%), but also that the range of conversion rate varied dramatically across the different local authorities from 3.9% to 100%. Work being undertaken locally to target training and education at providers making highest inappropriate referrals to ensure our resources are spent most appropriately and effectively

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ORG0042 Risk Own Chris Squi Next Risk Review Da 04/06/2019	e capacity to deliver and support delivery of core front line services te: Cause: Combination of susterity measures and market	Likelihood :4 Impact :4 16 Red - V. High Risk			Likelihood :3 Impact : 3 9 Yellow - Medium Risk	Likelihood :3 Impact :3 9 Yellow - Medium Risk	04/03/2019 - Social worker degree programme at Yeovil College now set-up - Developing social worker degree apprenticeships with providers - Developing workforce & succession planning tool, working initially with ECI

Report Selection Criteria

Status Flag=ACTIVE - Business Unit Code=ORG - ISNULL(Project Code)