

## **Risk Management Update**

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### **1. Summary / link to the County Plan**

- 1.1.** The management of risk has a direct link to the Council's Business Plan, the Medium-Term Financial Plan, forms an integral part of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) and is a major component of the External Auditor's Value for Money Audit. Risk management is an essential component of good corporate governance.
- 1.2.** The Account and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Council to have in place effective arrangements for the management of risk. These arrangements are reviewed annually and reported as part of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).
- 1.3.** This report contains the latest information strategic risk information obtained from our risk management system, JCAD Core.

### **2. Items for consideration**

- 2.1.** The current strategic risk report **Appendix A** is a record of the 10 strategic risks owned by individual members of SLT.
- 2.2.** **Appendix B** is a summary of those strategic risks that have seen a change to their current score or status since the last report to Audit Committee. Changes to strategic risks were reported to Governance Board on 18<sup>th</sup> January and then to SLT, as part of the Governance Board Update, on 26 January.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>ORG0052</b> - Disruption to services if the UK leaves the EU on December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020 without a trade deal. continued monitoring. – Risk closed	As a trade deal was reached before the deadline the risk no longer exists and has been closed. Outstanding actions have been moved to the appropriate Covid-19 Recovery Cells for
<b>ORG0056</b> – Covid-19 pandemic effect on suppliers	Current Score changed
<b>ORG0002</b> – External influences may impact on our commissioning	Current score changed
<b>ORG0058</b> – Uncertainty around	Current Score changed

Local Government Reorganisation	
<b>ORG0057</b> – Sustainable MTFP: The forecast costs of services	Current Score changed

### 3. Background

- 3.1.** Strategic risk management is the process of identifying, quantifying, and mitigating any risk that affects or is inherent in an organization’s business strategy, strategic objectives, and strategy execution.

### 5 Consultations undertaken

- 5.1** Consultation has been undertaken with; SRMG, Governance Board and SLT

### 6 Implications

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