

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

21 JULY 2017

CORPORATE RISK REPORT

Recommendation

- 1. The Audit and Governance Committee is requested to note the latest refresh of the Corporate Risk Register (Appendix 1 and 2), including the red risks identified and mitigating actions.**

Background

2. The Corporate Risk Register provides a mechanism for collating and reporting strategic risks that could affect the delivery of corporate objectives. Each risk listed on the Corporate Risk Register is monitored by Directorates and reported through the corporate process to provide assurance on the adequacy of arrangements to mitigate the risks.

3. Appendix 1 provides an overview of the Corporate Risk Register for Quarter Four 2016/17 as reported to Cabinet, including the status of individual risks. Two risks are rated as 'red':

- serious harm or death due to a failure on the part of the Council
- demographic changes lead to changed demand for services.

The changed rating of the first reflects the recent identification of issues with Children's safeguarding services. The second is a Council-wide risk but with particular significance because of the increasing older population and its impact on Council services. Detail about the actions to address these risks is contained in Appendix 1.

4. The Committee has previously asked for more detail in relation to the rating of the individual risks. Appendix 2 provides a cut-down version of the Corporate Risk Register that shows the ratings for individual risks with no intervention, and with the mitigations currently in place. It also shows ratings at Directorate level. The pages at the front provide a key to the scoring process.

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Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Corporate Risk Update
- Appendix 2 - Corporate Risk Register summary

Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Management Information and Analytics Manager) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

WCC Corporate Risk Register