

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

14 DECEMBER 2018

CORPORATE RISK REPORT

Recommendation

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

Background

2. The Corporate Risk Register provides a mechanism for collating and reporting risks that could affect the delivery of corporate objectives. In April 2017 the Council adopted an electronic risk register tool to hold in one place all the major risks identified by individual Directorates and major projects. A scoring system is used to rate individual risks. This allows risks to be ranked and provides a view of the highest risks identified across the organisation.

3. At the end of Quarter Two 2018/19 there were 187 individual risks entered in the risk register of which 18 were identified as high / "red" risks.

4. The Appendix provides an overview of risks identified at the end of Quarter Two 2018/19, and more detail about the highest risks. Individual risks have been grouped for the purposes of reporting here. The highest risks have been grouped into six risk areas, following discussion by the Corporate Risk Management Group (CRMG) and the newly formed Performance Board (the latter of which agreed the seven areas):

- Vulnerable children – risks around safeguarding children
- Education – risk associated with budget pressures and changes to school organisations / SEND improvement
- Services for vulnerable adults – risks around increasing demand and related pressures in health and social care system
- Financial control – risk associated with ability to monitor and control budgets
- Management of the county estate – risks associated with ageing estate and programme of maintenance
- Business continuity response to major event – resilience of the council to extreme weather events, system failures, human pandemic etc

A further risk area that has previously been reported as high / "red" is highlighted as medium / "amber" following significant mitigating activity

- Staffing – risk of insufficient staff capacity, capability or productivity

5. The Appendix provides more detail about these risks and details of the steps in place to mitigate them.

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Supporting Information

- Appendix – Corporate Risk Update

Background Papers

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

WCC Corporate Risk Register