

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **30 JULY 2020**

## **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

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### **Recommendations**

- 1. The Chief Internal Auditor recommends that the Risk Management update be noted.**

### **Background**

2. The risk management function transferred to the Internal Audit team in April of this year. This was during the Covid19 emergency response and the risk process has been focussed on supporting this.

### **Risk management 2020/21**

3. The risk management process has focused on supporting the Covid19 emergency response since early March, providing regular updates to the Silver command. The situation has required a flexible approach enabling ongoing monitoring alongside responding to emerging risks and ensuring that operational managers have the best information available to support decision making.
4. The risks have focused on thematic areas, including community protection, partnership working, financial and communication. The standard risk assessment and profile has been completed by risk owners with review and any further action assessed by Silver Command.
5. We currently have one red risk:
  - There is a risk of diminishing availability of care home beds in Worcestershire as more care homes become subject to Covid19 infections, with the risk that they are unable to accept new admissions, or in the worst-case scenario become financially unviable. Currently approximately one third of Worcestershire's care home have reported infections during the Covid19 outbreak.

An up to date position will be provided at the meeting.

6. Going forward the team alongside the Strategic Leadership Team and Chief Officer's Group will be reviewing the corporate risk strategy and processes for managing risk and will engage the Audit and Governance Committee in that process.

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Chief Internal Auditor) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Previous update reports to the Audit and Governance Committee

<https://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=135&Year=0>