

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **12 MARCH 2021**

## **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

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### **Recommendations**

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

### **Background**

2. The key risk focus continues to be the Council's response to the Covid pandemic; however, we have been working closely with directorates to review the status of corporate risk and develop a more consistent approach to risk management.

### **Risk management 2020/21 – Covid response**

3. We have been supporting Covid risk management by collating, challenging, and reporting risks to Silver Command. To support this process all Covid risks have been collated into one register to enable clearer reporting.
4. Fundamental to the effective management of Covid risk is the school testing programme which enables a low risk to be recorded in relation to pupils returning to the classroom.
5. More recent risks relate to the variants of Covid and the increasing cohort of shielded persons, however the risk levels also remain low.
6. There are currently no red Covid risks reported at Silver.

### **Risk management 2020/21 – Corporate**

7. Corporate risks are being collated centrally on CorVu, our current risk management software system, and updated by the Corporate Risk Management Group (CRMG) representatives. There is still some inconsistency, so we continue to work with CRMG to understand their risks and how these are managed, and are procuring a more effective system to support our future plans.
8. Operational risks are held locally; however, we are confident that these are being managed and updated on an operational basis.
9. A revised risk process was reported to the Chief Officer Group (COG) in October which included a number of recommendations. The timetable has had to be revised due to resources being focused on the Covid pandemic, however the following recommendations have been actioned:

- a) An updated Corporate Risk Policy Statement and Strategy has been developed which we will be approved Cabinet in due course.
- b) A new Corporate Risk Management Group (CRMG) has been established, chaired by the Chief Internal Auditor, and a review of current risks has been undertaken.
- c) Risk management E-Learning is being reviewed before wider roll out.

## **Contact Points**

### Specific Contact Points for this report

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Chief Internal Auditor) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.