

Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director Resources & Community Safety

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	12 November 2012
Subject:	Risk Management Progress Report to 30 September 2012

Summary:

One of the key roles of the Audit Committee is to ensure that the Council has effective risk management arrangements in place.

This report assists the Committee in fulfilling that role, by providing an update on how well the council's biggest risks are being managed as well as reporting on the progress made in assisting the council to adapt and change the way it considers and 'thinks' about risk.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee:

~ notes the current status of the strategic risks facing the council and make recommendations on any further scrutiny required;

~ approves the revised Risk Management Strategy subject to any changes deemed necessary.

Background

Members will recall that at their meeting in April earlier this year, they approved a proposal to receive twice yearly updates on the Strategic Risk Register. The Risk Management Progress Report, which can be found in Appendix A, serves this purpose and at the same time provides the Committee with an update on the wider activities being undertaken to help the Council and its people change their approach to risk management.

The Progress Report includes the following:

- Key Messages
- Update on the Strategic Risk Register
- Risk Management Strategy & Toolkit
- Collaborative Risk Management Working & Successes

- Next Steps

Conclusion

Overall, the council's strategic risks are being pro-actively managed. There is a good level of awareness of the current and emerging issues, with positive action being taken where appropriate.

Senior management have embraced and supported the work undertaken to re-baseline the council's 'Appetite' for risk and refresh the strategic risk register. Encouragingly, this has already started to 'filter' down into some service areas so much so that the assistance of the corporate risk management team has been actively sought to do further risk appetite and awareness work with middle management and officers.

The Committee should note and gain comfort from the positive progress made.

Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Risk Management Progress Report

Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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