

Report of the Corporate Risk Management Group

Report of the Head of Services for Communities

1. Recommendations

Audit Committee to:

- (a) Consider and note updates to the Corporate Risk Register.

2. Summary

This report of the Corporate Risk Management Group provides an update on risk management practice in the Council.

3. Introduction

Corporate Risk Management Group reports to Audit Committee as necessary by exception to provide information on significant changes recorded on risk registers.

4. Risk Registers

Risks recorded in the Corporate Risk Register (CRR) are shown in appendix A of this report.

The risks in this risk register are reassessed at least every six months and on this occasion reviews have resulted in the following changes.

Two risks have increased:

TG 11 CRR Market Capacity: Adult Social Care; both inherent and current risk levels increased from High to Very High. Risk scores increased as a result of a number of capacity related issues which has resulted in increasing difficulty in sourcing packages of care due to insufficient market capacity. In addition, some providers have been handing back packages of care that they are no longer able to support and some providers have also been signalling that they are no longer financially viable.

HRO 1 CRR Health & Safety; increased from Medium to High and escalated to CRR, replacing TG 16 CRR Health & Safety (People); Risk status increased in July 2014 following a serious (fatal) incident within the Youth Service and also increased risks associated with transferring of services and assets into the community. This risk has returned to the Corporate Risk Register following discussions at Corporate Services Leadership Team (CSLT) in June 2014.

Four risks have decreased:

SCC 22 CRR Capacity – Organisational Capacity to Change; decreased from Very High to High – remains on CRR. Risk score reduced as in-year change projects are proceeding to plan.

SS 14 CRR Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and Court of Protection; decreased from Very High to Medium. Risk scores reduced as anticipated impact of Supreme Court ruling is not currently being evidenced in practice.

ENP 1 CRR Rising Energy Costs; decreased from Very High to High and removed from CRR to be managed by Place Leadership Team. There is now a clear plan for achieving the energy policy targets. This was endorsed by the Environmental Performance Board on 30/7/14.

SPOC 7 CRR Potential for wide-ranging impacts arising from the Euro crisis; decreased from High to Low and removed from CRR. Although the Eurozone crisis is not over, it is entering a new phase, in which disinflation and low growth slowly raise the debt-to-GDP ratio of many Eurozone countries to high levels. However, the strengthening UK economy should to a degree reduce the potential impact. Since the identification of this risk no concerns have been raised about our exposure in terms of supply chains. DCC continues to maintain the mitigation of not putting money on deposit with Santander. A recent CSLT meeting outlined that this risk need no longer be considered to be a high Corporate Risk.

Also removed from CRR:

TG 14 CRR Public Service Network implications for Mobile Working; risk has been removed from the CRR as functionality has been delivered and impact is being monitored by services.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Corporate Risk Register

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