

Agenda Item 51.

TITLE	Corporate Risk Register Refresh – February 2018
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Audit Committee on 7 February 2018
WARD	None Specific;
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) provides for robust and transparent decision-making. Effective ERM is therefore an integral part of the council's control environment and helps demonstrate the effective use of resources and sound governance. The council's Corporate Risk Register (CRR) demonstrates that the council is pro-actively identifying and managing its significant business risks.

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee is asked to consider and note the risks and mitigating actions of the Council's corporate risks as detailed in the attached CRR.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report shows the latest Council Corporate Risk Register (CRR) following review by officers. The details of the CRR are attached to this report (Appendix A).

Background

The roles and responsibilities of Members and Officers with respect to Risk Management are detailed in the Council's Enterprise Risk Management Policy (ERMP) which was approved by the Audit Committee. The ERMP states that CLT is responsible for identifying and managing the Council's risks and opportunities, and for setting an example to staff. CLT is also responsible for identifying, analysing and profiling high-level strategic and cross-cutting risks on a regular basis.

The Audit Committee is required to seek confirmation that the Council's strategic risks are being proactively managed. Strategic risks are essentially those risks that might occur and could prevent the Council from achieving its objectives as detailed in its Vision, Priorities and Corporate Plan.

Analysis of Issues

The main changes to the risk register since the CRR was presented to the Audit Committee in December last year are as follows:-

- Additional risk (no. 28) relating to Leadership
- Amendment to risk no 27 (Sustainable Transformation Partnerships) with regard to timescales for mitigating actions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

There are no financial implications to be noted as a result of this refresh. However there are risks within the register that should they materialise, would have a significant financial impact on the authority.

Cross-Council Implications

A risk is an unexpected event or action that can adversely affect the Council's ability to achieve its objectives and successfully execute its strategies. Risk Management is about managing opportunities and threats to objectives. Therefore good risk management will assist the Council in delivering its services and achieving its priorities.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
Not applicable

List of Background Papers
Previous Corporate Risk Register papers to Audit Committee Enterprise Risk Management Strategy and Policy

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