

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 6 DECEMBER 2017

Title of report	CORPORATE RISK UPDATE
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Purpose of report	To receive the Quarter 2 Corporate Risk Update
Reason for decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The approved Risk Management Strategy requires regular risk updates to be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee.2. To obtain support from Members for the approach to risk management.
Council priorities	Value for Money.
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	The Council manages its risks within existing budgets. Effective risk management protects the Council from insurance and/or compensation claims, fraud, and a range of other financial liabilities.
Link to relevant CAT	No direct link.
Risk Management	As detailed in the report.
Equalities Impact Screening	Not applicable.
Human Rights	Not applicable
Transformational Government	Not applicable.
Consultees	None

Background papers	None.
Recommendations	<p>1. THAT THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NOTES THE QUARTER 2 CORPORATE RISK UPDATE.</p> <p>2. THAT THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE UPDATED APPROACH TO RISK MANAGEMENT.</p>

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cabient approved the Risk Management Strategy at its meeting on 29 July 2014 and this was presented to Audit and Governance Committee on 24 September 2014.
- 1.2 One of the requirements of the Strategy is for members of this Committee and Cabinet to receive details of the high level risks monitored through the Corporate Risk Register. The Risk Register can be found at Appendix 1 and a quarterly review of this will be a standing agenda item for this Committee going forward. The Risk Register will also be included as an appendix to the Quarterly Performance Reports presented to Cabinet, with any exceptional items being highlighted.

2.0 PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Oversight of risk management has now passed to the Director of Housing, who currently chairs the Council's Risk Scrutiny Group, and this long term arrangement will be confirmed in the senior management proposals which will be presented to Council for approval on 23 January 2018.
- 2.2 At present, the Risk Register presents information around rather generic risk 'areas'. It is proposed that an updated register should be produced which clearly states the specific risks. For example, the current register highlights a risk area around 'Project and Programme Management' but does not describe in any more detail what the specific risk is in this business area, and the potential causes and impacts. For this example, it may well have been appropriate to describe the risk as – the wider organisation does not engage with the project management office and successful project outcomes are not achieved, resulting in the inefficient use of resources and key corporate priorities not being delivered.
- 2.3 As well as identifying specific risks, it is proposed that the causes and impacts of these risks are more fully described, as are the accountable owners and the timescales for completing the mitigating actions.
- 2.4 A newly formatted Risk Register to reflect the above approach, and an updated Risk Management Strategy will be presented to the next meeting of this Committee for approval.
- 2.5 The register is currently being updated to include a new risk around Cyber crime and information security. The Risk Scrutiny Group will review the corporate risks quarterly and recommend any changes through the Corporate Leadership Team prior to the information being presented to this committee.