

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY,  
26 JULY 2023**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>CORPORATE RISK UPDATE</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Glenn Hammons Interim Director for Resources	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Corporate Risk Update (Audit and Governance Committee – April 2023) <a href="http://nwleics.gov.uk">NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (nwleics.gov.uk)</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide Committee members with an update in respect of the Council's corporate risk register.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THAT THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE NOTES AND COMMENTS ON THE LATEST CORPORATE RISK REGISTER FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE RISK SCRUTINY GROUP.</b>	

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 As part of the agreed Risk Management approach this report presents the latest version of the Corporate Risk Register as reviewed at the last meeting of the Risk Scrutiny Group on 29 June 2023. In line with the policy, members of this Committee, and Cabinet are to receive periodic updates on risks monitored through the Corporate Risk Register.
- 1.2 The updated Risk Register can be found at Appendix 1 and a summary of changes since the last update in April 2023 is set out below.
- 1.3 Out of the 17 active risks, 0 are Red, 7 are Amber and 10 are Green. Two new potential risks have been identified as Risks 15 and 16 in Appendix 1. A summary of these are set out in the table below. As these are new risks they will be monitored over the next cycle and more fully reported to the committee should it develop further.

<b>Risk Ref</b>	<b>Risk Title</b>	<b>Summary of Risk</b>
15	ORGANISATIONAL//POLITICAL No Overall Control of Council following the May 2023 Elections	No overall control of the Council following the May 2023 elections could lead to instability in the decision making process which could impact adversely on service delivery
16	ORGANISATIONAL/REPUTATIONAL Adverse External Assessment	There is greater focus from Government and regulators on the local government sector. There is a risk of an impact of an adverse external assessment on the Council. If this risk materialised it could impact on service delivery, performance levels, governance and decision making arrangements

- 1.4 The Director of Resources acts as lead for corporate risk and is satisfied that the main risks posed to the organisation have been captured within the risk register and that control measures to mitigate these risks are appropriate. The report is based on an update in July 2023, any further update on significant changes in risk will be provided at the meeting.
- 1.5 To ensure the Council's risk management approach is working effectively an external review was undertaken by Zurich (the Council's insurers). The review took place in 2022/23. The draft report received by the Council acknowledged a number of positive actions the Council is taking in its risk management approach, it also identified a few areas for improvement. The Council is currently working with Zurich to develop an Action Plan in response to the recommendations. This will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. Overall the Council's risk management approach is in line with other local authorities.
- 1.6 The Risk Management Strategy and Framework is reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis. The updated Strategy for 2023 is included as part of the Review of Corporate Policies report included elsewhere on the Committees agenda. This primary update to the Strategy is to include a section on the current challenges/environment within which the council is operating. The inclusion of this in the Strategy follows a recommendation from an external review of the Council's approach to risk.
- 1.7 The Audit and Governance Committee are asked to review and note this risk update, and provide any feedback they wish to be considered by the Risk Scrutiny Group at its next meeting.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	Effective risk management underpins the ability of the Council to deliver against all its priorities.
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	None
Customer Impact:	None
Economic and Social Impact:	None
Environment and Climate Change:	None
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None
Risks:	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 and non financial risks
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