

REPORT OF: FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER

TO: ACCOUNTS & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on the Council's risk management framework.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The Committee is recommended to note the content of this report.

ISSUE

Introduction

3. During 2017, the Council approved an updated risk management policy and strategy. This followed consideration by this Committee, the Executive and ultimately Council which formally approved the documents in October 2017.
4. Under the new framework the Council has adopted a 5 by 5 rather than 3 by 3 risk matrix; this being an assessment of the **likelihood** of a risk occurring and the **impact** if it did. On the former matrix only those risks that had a residual risk score of 7 or above were deemed high risk and these risks are the ones that periodically get reported to this Committee and the Executive.
5. The new framework adopts a 5 by 5 matrix and attached at [Appendix A](#) is a comparison of the current risk register assessed against the former and the current risk matrices.
6. The risk management framework together with corporate governance generally is maintained under review by the Corporate Governance group of officers. The group meet later this month and any revisions arising from this review will feature in the next update to the Committee. The strategic risk register will also feature cyber security and data management linked to external developments (e.g. risk of cyber-attack and impending changes in data protection).

7. Cyber security is one of three areas being examined by the Merseyside Internal Audit Agency as part of the computer audit service we have commissioned from them. Their report on this and other areas of work should be available for the next meeting. The Committee received an update on GDPR at its last meeting in January.
8. Lastly, the Committee has requested more detail on the risk of a *major disaster affecting the delivery of Council services* and a short presentation will be made on this at the meeting.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy

9. None arising from this report.

Financial

10. None arising from this report.

Legal

11. None arising from this report.

Risk Management

12. As outlined in the report.

Health and Safety

13. None arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications

14. None arising from this report.

Community Safety

15. None arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity

16. None arising from this report.

APPENDICES

[Appendix A](#) – Mapping of risks to new framework

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.