APPENDIX A

Neighbourhood Services Corporate Risk Register – Generic

	Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation/Control	Officer	Further Action(s) (if appropriate)	Resource	Due Date	Residual Risk Rating
			Gene	ric to Warwick District Council					
1.	Inability to recruit and retain staff	Age profile of staff. Salary levels. DBS checks taking too long to complete.	Loss of key staff. Inability to recruit. Additional costs for specialist advice.	Shared Services. Succession planning. Generic Roles where ever possible.	HR HNS DMT	Use of career graded posts. More flexible job descriptions.	HR DMT	Ongoing	
		Failure to conclude appointments quickly leading to loss of candidates. Terms and Conditions. Lack of candidates with necessary skills/qualifications.	Loss of technical staff to private sector. Reduces capacity to deliver services. Additional strain on other staff. Protracted recruitment process.	Apprenticeships are a possibility for admin based roles. Utilisation of Commensura. Utilisation of contractor resources. Bench mark terms and conditions with other organisation.					Likelihood
2.	Failure to meet "Fit for the Future" Objectives	Legislative changes. Policy changes. Financial changes. Service changes. Organisational changes.	Overspending on Medium Term Financial Strategy. Reduced service quality. Service Cuts.	Specific focus on statutory compliance and statutory consultation requirements. Early engagement with recognised Trade Unions. Comprehensive redundancy policies. Monitoring to ensure FFF objectives are being delivered. Identifying efficiencies and delivering savings. Effective communication with staff.	HR HNS DMT CMT SMT			Ongoing	Impact

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3.	Insufficient money resulting in an inability to provide normal services.	Poor financial planning. Unexpected loss of income and/or increase in expenditure. Fit for the future projects do not achieve sufficient savings. Changes to Government Policy/legislation. Reduced Government grants. Financial savings not made. Budgets exceeded. Insufficient money to provide services as specified.	Loss making services. Problems delivering key services. Reduced quality of service. Budget exceeded and therefore subsequent budgets reduced. Forced to make large scale redundancies. Inability to repair or replace assets.	Effective management of Fit for the Future Programme. Effective audit of financial accounts. Effective fees and charges schemes. Delivery plans and overall project plans have been completed. Effective internal audit function. Codes of Financial and Procurement practice.	FIN HNS DMT	Longer term asset/financial planning Development of Corporate Asset Strategy Business cases being produced for replacement of car parks.	DMT	Ongoing	Likelihood
4.	Failure to:- Respond to new legislation. Comply with new/existing legislation. Take into account legal implications of decisions.	Change in Government policy. Poor decision making. Lack of knowledge.	WDC unprepared for changes resulting in additional costs/workloads for staff. Damage to reputation. Judicial reviews. Financial impact. Legal action against the Council.	Legal advice available to staff. Communication with professional bodies and organisations to seek assistance and advice. Appropriate training.	HNS DMT	Attend meetings of Professional Bodies.	DMT	Ongoing.	Likelihood

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5.	Loss of IT.	Computer breakdown.	Staff not paid.	IT support.	Divisional managers.	Continually reviewing	ССО	Ongoing	
		Technology problems.	Reduction in service delivery, failure to	System provider helpdesk.	System	business continuity plans.			
		System problems, including hacking.	meet statutory requirements.	Contract with software supplier to maintain training needs.	owners.	Planned installation of			
		Reliance on key staff.	Cost implications.	Well trained staff.		new broadband link to Oakley Wood Crem.			
		Acts of God e.g. fire, hurricane, flood.	Poor data. Dissatisfied	Adequate cover.					
		Power failure.	customers (and staff).	Business Continuity Plan.					
		Malicious acts by employee.	Loss of access to data, provision of	Back-ups.					Impact
		Reliance on key staff.	data unavailable.	Manual records.					Likelihood
		Hacking/computer virus.	Unable to deliver on line services.	System controls.					
			Staff morale.	Duplicate records.					
				Procedure notes.					
				Audit testing.					
				WDC has robust contingency plans.					
				No longer reliant on WCC Customer Service Centre and WCC ICT systems.					

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6.	ICT systems not able to support current service delivery and future improvements.	Failure of the current ICT infrastructure being unable to meet demand. Lack of ICT resources. Systems failure of hardware and software. Use of unsupported third party systems.	Prolonged loss of systems. Additional cost to operate systems. Corrupted information and/or databases. Provision of data. Additional cost for external ICT support.	Third party support and maintenance contracts. Training of super users. Better data management. Review systems to ensure they are fit for purpose. Service Head sits on the ICT Steering Group Not reliant on WCC ICT	ICT DMT HNS	Ongoing monitoring of new ICT issues until satisfied systems are stable. Business Case being development for new Bereavement Services System	ICT		Impact
7.	Inaccurate / incomplete information made available to the public	Not entering information. Entering incorrect information Not developing web site to assist access to service information or access to services.	Reduced service delivery. Damage to WDC reputation. Confused customers.	Implementation Plan and quarterly review of web-site. Business Support looking at Website on an ongoing basis Additional staff resources to assist with updating information. Repatriation of calls to WDC makes it easier to manage communications and service changes.	HNS DMT (Michael Branson)	Review process of updating website Communication Plan	DMT	Ongoing	Impact
8.	High or increasing levels of sickness.	Individual workloads increase resulting in higher stress levels. Pandemic. Poor working environment.	Some services not delivered. Increase in stress/pressure on remaining staff. Reputational risk. Additional costs to cover key staff.	Detailed monitoring. Effective absence management policies and processes. Continuity planning. Filling vacant posts.	DMS HNS HR	Team Operational Plans are realistic and deliverable Back to work interviews. Reports from Self-Serve System. Occupational Health support	ОН	Ongoing	Impact

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9.	Impact of climate change on service delivery	Changes in weather as a result of climate change. Increased high winds, long periods of freezing temperatures, heavy rain or long dry spells.	Long periods of cold weather could reduce our ability to collect waste. Long periods of high winds would impact on trees and increase the risk of damage. Long periods of dry weather will reduce the amount of grass cutting required but will increase the requirement for watering of flowering plants.	Maintain flexibility in the contract to allow the impact to be minimised. Introduce gritting in car parks when long periods of freezing weather. Reduce floral planting to minimise the watering of these areas. Green Travel Plan Ongoing review of Business Continuity Plan Implementation of Sustainability Action Plan	DMT WCC	Ongoing review environmental impact of operations.	SO	Ongoing	Impact
10.	Accidents/ health & safety of staff in office.	Lack of health & safety good practice. Lack of health and safety awareness.	Injuries to staff Financial claims. Loss of staff morale Adverse publicity/reputational damage Difficulty in service delivery. Increase in sickness.	Lone Worker (Tunstall system). H&S Policy and Procedures in place. Joint Consultative Group (management and unions) Operation of robust risk assessments, safe working practices. Accident/incident reporting and investigation. Safety Advisors inspection of workplace. DSE assessments.	HNS DMS H+S A	Ongoing health and safety training for staff. (IOSH)	DMT	Ongoing	Likelihood

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11.	Accidents / health and safety of contractors	Lack of health & safety good practice/training. Lack of appropriate supervision. Lack of policies and procedures Violence/threats from customers	Injuries to staff. Financial claim. Loss of staff morale. Adverse publicity. Reputational damage. Difficulty in service delivery. Increase in sickness. Actual physical injury.	Regular monitoring of contractors Health and Safety. Embedded Health and Safety consultation process. Health and Safety Policy Robust Risk Assessments DSE Assessments Staff alert list Tunstall procedure Reporting/monitoring procedures	DMT H+S A Contractors	Neighbourhood Services Measure CO's now into routine of H&S checks. Need to undertake audit of process Inspection by H&S Executive Ongoing health and safety training for staff. (IOSH)	Staff time	Ongoing	Likelihood
12.	Failure of contractor to deliver service.	Under-priced contract. Lack of client support. Lack of resources. Poor management and supervision Inability of contractor to recruit staff	Poor service delivery to customers. Additional client time and resources. Contractual deductions. Contractual disputes.	Partnership Board Meetings Client support. Penalties within contract implemented. Contract documentation.	DMT Contractor	Review of contractor performance. More frequent meetings and closer monitoring of performance. Financial deductions	Staff time	Ongoing	Likelihood

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13.	Impact of business continuity incident	Loss of building or office space. Loss or lack of key staff. Loss of key equipment or systems. Denial of access to place of work. Major incident. Loss of power source	Inability to provide services/reduced service delivery. Reputational damage. Financial Loss. Staff Morale. Customer dissatisfaction.	Service Area Crisis Plan Major Emergency Plan. Ability to work from home/contractor depot. IT disaster recovery plan Business Continuity Plan – critical services identified Back-up power supply.	HNS CCO Property Services	Plan testing Installation of back-up generator at Oakley Wood Crematorium.	Staff time	TBC	Impact
14.	Growth within Warwick District outstrips the ability for the Council to deliver services.	Increased residential, commercial, and green space development above expectations. Changes in legislation. Vacant posts.	Gaps open up in Council services. Insufficient resource/capacity within the Council. Increase costs. Leave for the moment.	Growth built into various contracts. Local Plan. Joint planning and delivery arrangements. Fill posts as they become vacant Continually review Service Plans and Team Operational Plans	DS DMT FIN	Monitoring developments changes and actions require	Additional costs + staff time	Ongoing	Impact
15.	Strike Action	National ballot Union Actions Unhappy staff	Breakdown of employment relationship Loss of reputation through disruption to service delivery Staff morale.	Strong formal and informal communication forums and mechanisms at a local level	CMT/SMT	Introduction of National Living Wage			Likelihood

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16.	Failure to communicate effectively	Untrained staff Reorganisation	Incorrect information used to carry out work.	Monthly team meetings. One-to-ones.	All staff.	NS Coms Plan		Ongoing	
		Inaccurate data on systems or website	Negligence and liability claims	E-mail.					
		Poor communication/inform ation	Adverse publicity Loss of reputation	Core brief. Intranet.					
		High workload.	Waste of resource	Circulation of minutes from meetings.					Impact
		Reliance on key staff. Staff absence.	Poor service to customers	Corporate communication strategy.					Likelihood
		Human error. Inappropriate form of	Additional workload. Staff morale.	Staff training. Qualified/experienced staff Quality standards					
		communication.	Stress.	Good IT/Information Systems Web improvement plan					
17.	Failure of other WDC/ partners/ stakeholders	Reorganisation of collaborative departments	Disjointed services to customers	Good lines of communication between key members of staff	DMT SMT				
	department to provide services as agreed / expected (neighbourhood/	Failure to recognise workflow through other departments	Missed opportunities	Joint corporate working groups					
	property)	Insufficient staff / resource available	Negative impact on staff morale	SMT intervention					Impact
			Increased customer complaints						Likelihood
			Reputational damage						

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18.	Loss of key records.	System failure. Accidental disposal. Theft – particularly of IT equipment. Inadequately trained staff.	Unable to provide service. Possible litigation. Financial loss. Bad publicity. Reputation damage. Loss of confidence. Resource implications for replication. Staff morale. Stress. Staff absence. Litigation.	IT able to restore systems. Staff training. Secure storage of sensitive paper documents. Document retention policy. Replace outdated/unsupported ICT systems	HNS	Need to address issues in Bereavemen t Services	ICT DMT	2016	Likelihood
20.	Stratford Road Depot lost to development. Council to meet its	The legislation requires that	Lack of Contractor Depot. Contractor Depot needs to be moved within development site. Contractor needs to find new site. Potential legal challenge	Routine liaison with planning colleagues and strategic managers. Communication with contractors, Report produced setting out	DMT Contractors			Ongoing	Likelihood
	legal implications under Waste England and Wales Regulations 2001 i.e. the "TEEP test"	Regulation 13 of the adjacent legislation is fulfilled by 1 January 2015	if requirements not met	WDC compliance and shared with Members Use of a kerbside collection scheme to collect recyclables separately.	Contractors				Likelihood

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21.	Anti-Social Behaviour in Parks	Quality and condition of park Perception of safety by public	Reduction in use of parks. Public feel unsafe Vandalism/costs to repair damage	Well maintained parks Ranger Service	DMT	Review impact of Park Ranger Service	DMT	On-going	Likelihood
22.	Driving for work (council and personal vehicles) – Accidents.	Poorly maintained vehicles Staff not trained in their responsibilities Stress/Tiredness	Damage to vehicle or property Persona injury, Legal action, insurance claims etc.	Regular maintenance and checks of vehicles Staff training at commencement of job role. Effective health & safety controls and risk assessments Staff Provision of own insurance for Business use of personal vehicles	DMT	Highlight to SMT in corporate H&S Quarterly Report. Need to check individual's MOT, Licence etc. Who will do work? Corporate review of procedures to ensure all appropriate checks are in place.	Staff time	On-going	Likelihood

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23	Homeworking – poor service level and health and safety risks present.	IT provision not working H&S risks not mitigated Appropriate level of service delivery not maintained	Inability to deliver work programme Legal challenge Customer expectation not met Poor staff welfare/increased stress/ Isolation Dissatisfaction for staff either being coerced into homeworking or denied homeworking Insurance claim	Effective H&S controls in place for work place assessment and lone working. Effective management of service delivery The issue of the use of routine use of laptops and DSE assessments and working at home needs to be resolved, arguably through the WDC H&S Group.	DMT				Likelihood
24.	Failure by WCC to provide appropriate disposal sites for waste i.e. landfills, Civic Amenity Sites etc.	Landfill Operators cease to trade. Fire / mechanical breakdown at facility. Poor access maintained.	Additional resources required by contractor. Additional cost. Inability to provide waste collection service.	Good communication between Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council. WCC have told us that HWRC at Princes Drive will be used in an emergency situation	WCC DMT	More robust WCC Continuity Plan	WCC		Likelihood
25.	Possibility of Non- compliant procurement	Lack of awareness of issues Deliberate act Lack of training	Legal challenge Loss of reputation Failure to achieve best value	Effective staff training and management of procurement processes Review of procurement policy and processes. Regular discussions with the Procurement Team	DMT				Likelihood

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26.	Failure to correctly monitor/ manage budgets (Short term elevated risk due to merging of departmental functions)	Insufficient staff training Pressure of work leading to insufficient resource being committed Uncertainty of income due to external factors.	Uncertainty for corporate budgets Unable to meet service commitments	Regular budget monitoring Regular meetings with Finance Training of Budget Managers Total training More budget codes to be created alongside different individuals having responsibility	HNS DMT				Impact
27.	Not applying Equality and Diversity principles	Non-compliance with legal requirements Discrimination against group or person	Challenge by Govt Department or external agency Legal action and/or compensation claim by group or individual	Staff training and awareness raising Regular review of Equality Impact assessments Information provided centrally	SMT DMT	Review with support of HR Team	HR	Ongoing	Impact
28.	Failure to make progress on corporate and departmental priorities	Unable to provide sufficient resources to support these areas of work. Restructure New Services Vacant posts	Reputation undermined due to failure to meet commitments that have been made publically. Organisational priorities not delivered.	Regular prioritisation of work through services and corporate meetings Managing expectations by publishing and sticking to realistic time scales Continually monitor workloads Realistic Service Plans and Team Operational Plans.	DMT	Continual Review	DMT CMT SMT	Ongoing	Likelihood

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29.	Project to take back responsibility for telephony from the joint WDC/WCC CSC. Separate risk register as part of the project but added into the NS Risk Register for specific element relating to the Service Area	End of agreement with WCC for shared Customer Service Centre	Reduction in service. Inability to provide services. Loss of key staff Confusion for customers	Additional staff employed to fill vacant posts transferred from WCC. Additional training for staff Review of systems used previously and how current systems needed to be adapted. Review of business continuity plans /crisis plan Updating new phone numbers on website, corporate literature/communications.	HNS DMT	Agree corporate measures for customer services.	Service Area Reps	April 2016	Impact

Key: HR=Human Resources: HNS=Head of Neighbourhood Services DMT=Departmental Management Team. CMT=Corporate Management Team. SMT=Senior Management Team. FIN=Finance. CCO Civil Contingencies Officer. SO Sustainability Officer. OH Occupational Health