Housing & Property Services Risk Register

Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation/Control	Officer	Action(s)	Resource	Due Date	Residual Risk Rating
Warwick Distric	t Council Generic R	isks		1				
1. Staff personal safety	Lone working Potential violent	Death or ill health Increase in sickness absence	Operate Staff Alert List Partnership links with MAPPA, Police and Social Services Issue of mobile phones to staff	НРМТ	1.1 All HPMT managers to carry out lone worker risk assessments for their lone workers	Staff Time	31 st July 2016	
	customers Hazardous premises	Loss of confidence	working out of the office Bespoke assessment of safe working practices where required		1.2 Risk assessments of all new applicants to be carried out at the point of letting.	Staff Time	31 st July 2016	Impact
		Deterioration in staff morale Increase in	Joint Consultative Group (management and unions)		1.3 All HPMT managers need to ensure that all lone workers are signed up and on the system.	Staff Time	31 st July 2016	Likelihood
		compensation claims from staff	Accident/incident reporting and investigation		1.4 Carry out a full Departmental review, section by section, to understand risks	Staff Time	31 st July 2016	
		Reputational damage	DSE assessments					
		Impact on service delivery	WDC Health & Safety Advisor has reviewed the operation of the Tunstall Lone Worker system on our recommendation & reliability has improved as a result					

Appendix 1

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2. Failure to meet contractual obligations	Lack of appropriate performance & contract management Not complying with procurement requirements Not monitoring contract renewal dates	Accidents/damage caused by lack of or poor health and safety practice of contractors Failure to deliver statutory and contractual obligations Deterioration in service delivery Increase in number of complaints/ compensation/ negligence/liability/ claims Poor service performance against Priority Action Plan (PAP) & Service Area Plan (SAP) measures Deterioration in staff morale Not legally compliant Financial cost to Council	Effective procurement and contract management procedures in place including regular contractor meetings Materials and installations are specified to meet relevant standards Monitoring of workmanship by WDC Clerk of Works, Surveyors & Property Maintenance Officers A thorough review of the contracts register was conducted to ensure compliance with Code of Financial Practice and Code of Procurement Practice An early warning system has been set up within the PAP to alert managers to contracts that require re-procuring in sufficient time for the method required	HPMT	 2.1 Complete asset database 2.2 Update stock condition information 2.3 Review of Repairs and Maintenance contracts

Resource	Due Date	Residual Risk Rating
Staff time	Sept 2015	
Staff Time	March 2016	
Staff Time	March 2016	
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1. Failure to compty with policy, statutory, and normative standards by staff or by WDC. Failure to deliver training or failure to comply with polices. Failure to deliver standards by staff or by WDC. Failure to deliver training, recruitment & selection, capability etc. 3.1 Complete a review of all polices and procedures to and compliant and put in place programme for updating and reviewing on a regular basis March 2016 Lack of appropriate representatives Deterioration in service delivery management procedures Deterioration in service delivery for compliant PAPES,or management procedures The deliver management procedures Staff March 2016 Indeequate management procedures Lock of appropriate management procedures Deterioration in service approximation and/or reputational management and/or polices, to the and is (e.g. tampering with electric supply/meter) Por service performance protection in staff morale Deterioration in staffs protection of to complet and the proper service performance and/or reputational protection Act Electric the service service performance and/or reputation place and processes protection Act Staff the protection Act protection Act March 2017 Staff the protection Act protection Act protection Act protection Act protection Act protection Act Staff the protection Act protection Act protection Act protection Act March the protection Act protection Act protectio
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Risk Description 4. Significant loss of staff & systems	Significant reduction in staff numbers for example due to; strike, sickness, pandemic etc. Staff unable to attend usual place of work for example due to; closure of building, petrol strike, severe weather etc. Staff unable to access electronic systems necessary to conduct their duties for example due to; Failure of WDC system or support, Power failure, System problems, including		Risk Mitigation/ControlThe Service Area Crisis Plan has been updated to ensure sufficient plans are in place to maintain service in the event of significant loss of staff or systemsMobile (home) working practices in placeProactive assessment of upcoming events including reviewing Weather warnings sent by Community Protection and putting in place appropriate mitigations	Officer	Action(s) 4.1 To investigate the opportunity for implementing further mobile working arrangements so that we have a more flexible workforce and working arrangements 4.2 Teams to document procedures for all critical tasks	Resource Staff Time Staff Time	Due Date March 2017 March 2016	
	hacking/ cyber security threats & cyber crime	Death or ill health						

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Housing & Prop	erty Services Speci	ific Risks-Asset Ma	nagement					
5. Poor asbestos management practices –	Failure to survey, monitor or manage asbestos containing materials in	Loss of confidence and reputational damage	Asbestos Management Plan reviewed and in place Asbestos survey and re-inspection	НРМТ	5.1 Asbestos awareness training to be provided for all relevant H & PS staff	Staff time	On-going	
	accordance with CAR 2012	Improvement notices	programme Asbestos removal programme		5.2 Monitor training of staff and contractors to ensure it remains current	Staff time	On-going	
		Prohibition notices Fines, compensation and imprisonment	Asbestos register is maintained and is shared with staff & contractors Survey recommendations are		5.3 Re-procurement of asbestos management and removal contracts to maintain services	Staff time & Budget	01/06/15	
		Exposure of staff, tenants and third parties to asbestos containing	followed up and executed where reasonably practicable Staff and contractor asbestos		5.4 Review asbestos register software and re-procure new software if necessary	Staff time & Budget	01/06/15	pact
		materials Ill health and/or death	awareness training Training log maintained		5.5 Appoint asbestos contract administrator following team re- design	Staff time	31/05/15	Eikelihood
			Regular asbestos information articles in tenants newsletters					
			Asbestos awareness is a standard agenda item on both contractor & team meeting agendas					
			Regular meetings held with asbestos contractors					
			Regular asbestos management meetings held with key H & PS staff					
			Appropriate contracts in place for the survey, management and removal of asbestos					
			Appropriate staff in place to manage council processes and contractor performance					

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6. Inadequate gas appliance maintenance & certification	Failure to carry out repairs or annual servicing due to inability to gain access to properties or lack of knowledge	Loss of confidence and reputational damage Improvement notices	Gas servicing programme in place Monthly review of programme progress and performance Robust process for gaining access to properties enforceable by Law Installation of gas restrictors at	Gas Contract Administr ator	 6.1 On-going monthly monitoring of gas servicing programme and progress 6.2 Gas awareness training sessions to be provided for all 	Staff time	On-going	
	about the existence of a gas supply	Prohibition notices	known properties subject to boiler type Appropriate contracts in place for gas servicing		appropriate staff (these can be provided as & when needed i.e. for new starters)	Staff time	On-going	
		Fines, compensation and imprisonment	Appropriate staff in place to manage council processes and contractor performance Certification stored in MIS		6.3 Review & improve existing policy & procedures in relation to gas	Staff	31/3/16	Impact
		Ill health and/or death	database			time		Likelihood
		Damage to property						
7. Inadequate electrical testing of Housing assets	Failure to undertake electrical tests due to no access	Loss of confidence and reputational damage	Electrical Safety testing programme in place. Monthly review of programme	Electric Contract Administr	7.1 Ensure all "no access" properties have an ECR in place	Staff time	30/6/15	ਚ ਦ
& operational Corporate assets in accordance with industry best	Poor management and lack of expertise Failure of existing	Improvement notices	progress and performance Electronic copies of ECRs stored on asset database	ator	7.2 Review & update existing policy & procedures in respect of electrical testing	Staff time	31/3/16	Likelihood
practice & Council policy	systems due to lack of regular inspection or testing	Prohibition notices						
		Fines, compensation and imprisonment						
		Ill health and/or death						
		Damage to property						

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8. Service not compliant with Legionella	Failure to maintain testing regime to all relevant properties	Loss of confidence and reputational damage	Legionella Awareness Group Legionella Management Policy &	Mark Perkins	8.1 Review &update the Legionella Management Policy	Staff time	March 2016	
procedure		Improvement notices	procedures Legionella testing programme in place		8.2 Ensure that all WDC buildings have schematic drawings to show possible Legionella risk areas	Staff time	March 2016	
		Prohibition notices Fines,	Monthly review of programme progress and performance		8.3 Maintain training records for relevant H&PS staff	Staff time	On-going	
		compensation and imprisonment	Training of premises managers of the actively managed sites in the		8.4 Ensure adequate records of statutory tests are maintained	Staff time	On-going	
		Ill health and/or death	weekly flushing of outlets & monthly temperature testing All high risk WDC buildings have schematic drawings to show possible Legionella risk areas		8.5 Develop legionella element of MIS database and transfer testing records to MIS.	Staff time/ICT	March 2016	Likelihood

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9. Risk of widespread fire in blocks of flats or corporate assets	Fire in a communal area of a block of flats or individual flat which spreads to other parts of the	Loss of confidence and reputational damage	Compliant services testing programmes (gas, electric, biomass, fire detection and fire- fighting equipment)	НРМТ	9.1 Continue to operate services testing programmes9.2 Monitor and review Fire Risk	Staff time Staff	June 2015 December	
building	Improvement notices	Fire risk assessment programmes	Assessment programme ti		time	2015		
	Damage by fire to a corporate property	Prohibition notices	Procedure for the inspection and removal of stored items from communal areas		9.3 Review content and format of Fire Risk Assessments with Corporate Compliance Group	Staff time/Bud get	March 2016	
	General acts or omissions by anyone	Fines, compensation and imprisonment	Tenants Newsletter articles advising of fire safety measures		9.4 Automate FRA process in MIS including letters to tenants & leaseholders	Staff time	December	Impact
	deliberate ignition of	Ill health and/or death	Procedure for leaseholder fire doors Compliance Register in place			2015	2015	Likelihood
	a fuel Electrical fault	Damage to property	All repairs recommended in FRAs have been carried out					
	Gas explosion							

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10. Housing and/or corporate building fabric	Unapproved tenant alterations	Loss of confidence and reputational damage	Maintenance and improvement works programmes the Council's operational Housing & Corporate	Asset Manager	10.1 Develop robust asset management database	Staff time	March 2016	
and/or corporate		-	works programmes the Council's			time Staff time Staff time	2016 March 2016 On-going On-going	Inpact

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11. Failure to maintain Rural Footway Lighting	Anti-social behaviour i.e. tapping into street lighting electrical supply Inefficient inspection regime	Death or ill health Unstable and dangerous footway lighting Increase in number of insurance claims & complaints Reputational damage & loss of confidence Fines and prosecution	Programme of EICR and periodical visual inspections in place Responsive repairs service Location of rural street lighting available on the GIS mapping system	Mark Perkins	11.1 Finalise programme to replace all remaining concrete lighting columns11.2 Continue inspection programme	Staff time Staff time	Complete On-going	Impact Impact Likelihood
12. Failure to maintain existing or replace missing street nameplates	Supplier failure & delay due to a shortage of manufacturers	Death or ill health due to emergency services being unable to or delayed in locating address Failure to meet the Statutory Duty	Staff vigilance and communication	John Haughton	12.1 Continue to operate street nameplate replacement service	Staff time	On-going	Impact Impact Likelihood
Housing & Prop	erty Services Speci	ific Risks-Supportir	ng People Services					
13. Unable to respond to emergency calls from Lifeline users	IT system failure Power Failure Loss of Control Centre Corporate recruitment and retention policies adversely affecting 24 hour services	Death or ill health Reputational damage Litigation	Business Continuity arrangements with Tunstall Corporate SLA with ICT Business resilience reviews in respect of lifeline as part of TSA accreditation (October 2012)	Jacky Oughton	13.1 Continuously review call performance against targets	Staff time	On-going	Impact Impact Likelihood

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14. Using sheltered accommodation to temporarily house homeless people	Lack of alternative temporary accommodation	Risk to tenants safety Customer dissatisfaction Failure to meet statutory duty to provide accommodation to homeless households	Sheltered Scheme staff inform Housing Strategy staff asap of any potential issues Interim policy in place which incorporates Risk Assessments & the current tick list system Regular review of policies and procedures	Abigail Hay/ Jacky Oughton				Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Impact Im
Housing & Prop	erty Services Speci	fic Risks-Rents & F	inance					
15. Significant non-payment of rent leading to high rent arrears	Ongoing welfare reform (including Universal Credit) Ongoing economic uncertainty Supporting People Budget Cuts to floating support as a result of ongoing austerity measures.	Reduced rental income Increase in homelessness Reduced services Business plan revisions Negative publicity & criticism from Members Reputational damage	 Financial inclusion strategy Financial inclusion initiatives Additional staff Resources Vulnerable groups identified and offered support Staff training Increase tenant awareness Closer working with other departments – especially Health and Community Protection Ensure money advice services in the district are fit for purpose Work in partnership with other Registered Providers to deliver local and national financially inclusive initiatives 	Jacky Oughton	 15.1 Raise opportunities of financial inclusion initiatives within other council departments 15.2 work with partners to explore the benefits of collaborative working such as The Breathing Space 15.3 Explore the potential of local and national affordable credit initiatives such as the Rental Exchange and Credit Unions 15.4 Undertake analysis to identify future risks as a result of ongoing austerity measures on the "working poor" 	Staff time Budget Staff time Staff time	ongoing ongoing December 2015 December 2015	Impact Likelihood
			Financial risk assessments for new tenants Increase tenant access to Direct Debit					

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Housing & Property Services Specific Risks-Housing Management								
16. Inadequate management of accommodating dangerous customers in the community- subject to Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA) level 2 & 3 or Prolific and Priority Offender (PPO)	Lack of adequate policies and procedures Inexperienced staff	Risk of harm to members of the public and WDC employees	County-wide protocol for safeguarding vulnerable adults. (Currently working jointly with other Housing Districts, Boroughs and WCC)	Andy Thompso n	16.1 To develop an internal procedure for accepting and allocating MAPPA and PPO customers, including a risk management plan template	Staff Time	Septembe r 2015	
	or staff not knowing triggers & procedures	Potential impact on community cohesion Negative press coverage	Involvement with other agencies to manage risk & regular attendance at MAPPA & PPO Meetings		16.2 Develop an information sharing protocol for all interested parties	Staff Time	Septembe r 2015	
	WDC not being aware that a customer is subject to MAPPA level 2 or PPO level 3 WDC Staff not regularly attending MAPPA & PPO		MAPPA & PPO flags on Active H Staff Alert List database					
		Failure to safeguard vulnerable adults	Training on safeguarding adults					E Likelihood
		Reputational damage						LIKEIIIIOOU
		Litigation						
		Ineffective partnership working						

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17. Failure to understand and react to customer/client contributions	Lack of staff support from the Service to facilitate involvement Not delivering the expectations of the Tenant Panel or the Leaseholders Action Group (LAG) Lack of interest by residents	Failure to meet tenant & leaseholder expectations Failure to meet the HCA Regulatory Standard for Tenant Involvement & Empowerment Tenant Panel or LAG could disband Negative press coverage Increase in corporate complaints Reduction in satisfaction levels Reputational damage	 Tenant Panel and Leaseholders Action Group established The Priority Action Plan includes a performance management framework which is focussed on customer experience and includes a number of measures of customer satisfaction Trailing the publication of localised newsletters which are targeted to specific locations and/or customer base The Service Improvement Team is in place to support the service in developing its tenant contribution structures The new Housing Advisory Group will have 3 tenant representatives on which will enable tenants to have the opportunity to shape policy at an early stage Programme of Estates Walkabouts are in place which enable residents to directly improve the area in which they live in 	HPMT	17.1 A review of tenant's engagement opportunities to take place; including a programme of satisfaction surveys; a localised approach to engagement; more effective utilisation of internet and social media.	Staff Time	March 2016	Inder

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Housing & Prop	erty Services Speci	fic Risks- Housing	Strategy					
18. Inability to meet the Housing Strategy Objective number 2 – to meet the need for housing across the district	 Worsening Housing Crisis and increase in homelessness Lack & cost of land availability Failure to identify land available for new build Inadequate appraisal of full range of options Legislation changes e.g. Welfare Reform Poor partnership arrangements with Registered providers & Developers Ineffective S.106 procedure Poor Housing Market Assessment data Inadequate information/records No supply of authorised gypsy and traveller sites Cost and duration of process of compulsory purchasing land in private ownership Not effectively using/spending commuted sums or other resources 	Not meeting the Housing Need Increase in numbers on the waiting list Increase in demand for temporary accommodation Reputational damage Damage to RSL partnerships Criticism from politicians & the Regulator Loss of opportunity to get Government funding Not understanding the needs of Gypsies & Travellers Policy failure	 The Housing Strategy has an action plan to address the strategic objective which is included within the Priority Action Plan (PAP). The PAP is regularly monitored and updated by the management team and is published on the intranet. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan directs all available resources towards building new affordable homes The Council is exploring the potential to develop a Council Economic Development and Housing Company and other strategic opportunities to increase the delivery of affordable homes Build partnerships with Housing Associations e.g. W2 Strategic market assessment Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document in place to ensure developments deliver a suitable amount of affordable housing Gypsy & Travellers Accommodation Assessments (GTAA) refreshed 2012/13 Local Plan process to be used to identify possible further G&T sites Commuted Sums policy in place and regular monitoring of funds 	Abigail Hay	 18.1 Adoption of Local Plan 18.2 Review the Joint Commissioning Partnership (JCP) 18.3 A review of municipal sites to identify opportunities for development e.g. garage sites etc. 	Staff Time Staff Time Staff Time	April 2016 March 2016	Iubact

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19. Failure to meet statutory licensing scheme for homes in multiple occupation (HIMO)	Inadequate staffing Inadequate systems Not being proactive in going out to assess properties	Failure to meet statutory requirements Reputational damage Legal challenge	Programme of inspections in place Regular performance reporting Maintain adequate staffing levels Continue to publicise & highlight what we do in respect of HIMOs	Abigail Hay	19.1 To review the HMO Licencing programme and consider options for smoothing out the profile of application due dates	Staff Time	March 2016	Itikelihood
Housing & Prop	erty Services - Bus	iness Plan Risks						
20. Government changing the laws on Self- Financing	Unable to deliver agreed Business Plan commitments	Business Plan becomes unsustainable	Keep abreast of policy developments and changes in Government. Any change in the law would affect all councils and in this case we would have collective bargaining power.	Abigail Hay	20.1 Ensure that properties are maintained to sufficient standards to mitigate the risk of failing if the Government changes the rules on Self-Financing	Staff time	On-going	Impact

Government changing the laws on Self- Financing	agreed Business Plan commitments	becomes unsustainable	developments and changes in Government. Any change in the law would affect all councils and in this case we would have collective bargaining power.	Hay	maintained to sufficient standards to mitigate the risk of failing if the Government changes the rules on Self-Financing
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21. Unsustainable Business Plan	Significant variances in the assumptions that underpin the Business Plan	Reduction in the delivery of new homes	Regular review of business plan performance which is reported to Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee bi-annually Business Plan is updated annually and reported to Executive for approval All significant decisions are evaluated and impact on the business plan is considered Business Plan has its own risk register which is annually reviewed along with the Business Plan.	HPMT	21.1 To update the stock condition information to ensure that the business plan is based on robust data and future liabilities are fully understood	Staff Time	March 2016	Ikelihood