Appendix Four

Riverside House Relocation Project – Risk Register 5 April 2016

	Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation/Control	Officer	Further Action(s) (if appropriate)	Resour ce	Due Date	Residual Risk Rating
ST	RATEGIC -								
S 1	Council unilaterally pulls out of project.	 Council's lack of commitment to seeing through this complex and challenging project. Change of political control at WDC; and possible withdrawal of support for the project. 	 Substantial cost and timing implications. Up to £1.175m Stage 1 fee liability to the LLP. Council would have to re- mobilise and plan for an alternative new project and/or find another way to save £300k p.a. revenue savings 	 Ongoing detailed update reports to Executive (Dec. 2012; March, May and December 2014. Council June 2014. Executive Sept 2015). Project Governance processes. CMT consider project weekly. Senior members regularly briefed throughout. Seeking two-stage Council commitment to this project in (i) April 2016, and (ii) final Council legal commitment approval in July 2017. New Member Reference group to be formed in May 2016 to steer, inform and guide the project. 	Project Board	 Report to Executive 20 April 2016, seeking Council formal commitment to the LLP undertaking the next stage £1.175 project work. Report to include a full review of this complex project. 	Project Board	On- going	tikelihood

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S 2	Lack of officer time (and resource) frustrates meeting programme and significant project deadlines.	 Other Corporate projects take priority. Key WDC staff leave (Key person dependency) 	 No WDC resource to take the project forward with the LLP. Project delays. Risk of delay in achieving projected revenue savings. 	 CMT Corporate priority project. Reviewed by CMT weekly for any key issues. Dedicated WDC Senior Project Co- ordinator to June 2016. New dedicated WDC Project Mgr. being appointed (to replace and manage project on day to day basis). 	Project Board	 CMT keep under weekly review. Project Governance processes keep under regular review. 	Proj. mgr	On- going	Likelihood
S 3	Substantial adverse changes in the commercial markets.	 Significant house price falls, and lack of demand for the residential elements of the scheme. LLP fails to attract developer partners for the residential elements of the two sites 	 Project fails to stack up financially as a result. Delay in the commencement of the residential elements of the two sites. 	 LLP is underwriting these risks. PSP is underwriting the LLP's risk. LLP still locked into delivering the new Council offices on Covent Garden for the identified and agreed budget and timetable. WDC is not liable for any losses made by the LLP. 	Project Board	 Kept under review by the project's governance and management processes. Further LLP/WDC Legal agreements to re-clarify this eventuality 	Prodi. Mgr.	On- going	Tikelihood

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S 4	Public fail to support, or object to the project.	 Objections to the planning application. Objections to the project's parking solutions (temporary and permanent) Public perceive project as 'a waste of public money', and 'not needed' 	 Planning permission delayed or refused by Planning Committee. Delay in agreeing parking strategy and project start/completio n. 	 Project comms strategy. Comms consultant being recruited by the LLP. Regular media briefings. Regular meetings with Chamber of Trade and local stakeholder groups. Formal consultations as part of the planning process. 	Project team	 Project Team to manage and oversee the delivery of the Comms Strategy. New Member Reference Group to input 	Proj Mgr	On- going	Likelihood
FIN	IANCIAL -								
F 1	LLP/PSP fail to perform.	 LLP/PSP pull out of project. LLP/PSP's proposals do not stand up to external validation, and/or do not pass the full project viability tests. LLP/PSP fail to deliver any elements of the design and delivery of their complex proposals. 	 Delay in programme and opening of new offices. Reduction in programmed capital receipts from the two residential development sites. LLP project possibly aborted. WDC would lose significant time, and incur significant costs, in producing a new HQ via another delivery 	 Constant scrutiny of PSP/LLP's proposals and performance through monthly LLP working and board meetings. LLP backed by substantial PSP funding and resources. LPP to formally allocate £1.175 budget for next stage work. Formal 'e3' and external Validation exercise now completed (and project proposal endorsed). Ongoing private 	Project Board	 Constant comprehensive scrutiny as set in the 'Risk Mitigation/Contr ol' section. LLP to be locked-in to 'Next stage' detailed design, planning and D & Build contract work now to be undertaken. This will seek planning permission and put provisional build contracts in place. Further viability test then to be 	Project Board	On- going	U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U

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			method.	 liaison with other PSP LLP local authority partners to check on PSP's performance. Legal agreements will further lock-in PSP as the project progresses. 		undertaken. • Report back to July 2017 Executive, to further review project and seek full commitment to project.			
F 2	Project delays.	 Council changing its mind as to what it wants or deferring decisions Delay in agreeing new offices' design and specification. Delays in procuring planning consents and development partners. Delays in signing-off final viability tests. Market changes. Adverse weather conditions. Any other programme slippage. 	 New offices not delivered on time. Not necessarily fatal, but would push back opening date of new offices, and the cash flow of the programmed £300k p.a. savings. Possible need to review relationship with LLP and other partners. Reputational damage of Council on ability to deliver projects on time and within budget. Increased project costs 	 Project governance processes. Initial Project Programme reviewed for deliverability at bi- weekly Project Team meetings; Project Board meetings and formal monthly LLP Board meetings. Any financial impacts would have to be re- scheduled. New Member Reference Group being set up to steer the progression of this project. Further reports back to Executive 	Project Board	 Report to 20 April 2016 E re: outcome of latest viability work, the Validation, and seeking commitment to the next stage work A further report back to Executive re the outcome of the above work and seeking full commitment to this project. 	Project Manag er	On- going	Ikelihood

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F3	Project fails to stack-up financially	 The LLP's proposed overall development package being uneconomic and/or undeliverable, and not providing new Council offices on a 'cost neutral' basis. Project fails viability tests Cost escalations. Failure to procure suitable developer partner offering the projected capital receipts. 	 New Council offices might not be deliverable on cost-neutral basis. Additional Council gap funding might be required. Capital cost could escalate with 'project creep'. Delay in project programme as a consequence 	 LLP's e2 and e3 feasibility study process (now completed), and externally Validated (now completed). Project stacks up Heads of Terms Principles agreed between WDC and the LLP. Executive to consider all of the above (now completed) work, and how to progress this project, on 20 April 2016 Further July 2016 Executive programmed to receive the outcome of the 'next stage' and to approve project commitment by WDC. Project Board to monitor throughout 	Project Board	 LLP and officers to progress next stage detailed work streams, and project governance Reports to Executive on: 20 April 2016, and in July 2017. Legal agreements with the LLP to lock it in to delivering new offices on cost-neutral basis, and underwriting any WDC financial risk. 	Project Manag er And Project Board	On- going	Likelihood
F 4	Failing to obtain planning permissions.	 Outline proposals not complying with planning policy. Possible successful planning objections. Planning Committee make a decision contrary to officers recommendations 	 Not obtaining planning permission for the agreed two sites. Cost and time delays. Reputational damage of 	 Pre-app planning meetings (LLP/WDC). Detailed designs and planning application work now being commissioned via the LLP. This will 	Project Team	 Further pre- application discussions and dialogue with WDC planners once design team instructed. WDC project team 	Project Manag er (with LLP design Team)	On- going	Impact Impact

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		 Project's affordable housing solutions fail to stack-up. 	Council to support its own projects	 provide full designs and details, leading to submission of the planning application. Pro-active member, partner and public consultations to be programmed. Robust LLP project budget agreed to support/fund the likely design and planning solutions required. 		progressing work with LLP's team.			
F 5	Not achieving projected £300k p.a. new building operational savings.	 Initial estimates prove to be wrong. Increased occupation cost incurred once WDC occupy the building. 	 Higher than anticipated occupation costs. Revenue savings not achieved WDC might need to invest in additional building efficiency features to guarantee projected revenue saving or find other savings? 	 Initial robust likely estimates based on analysis of existing costs, new quotes, and comparing/testing with another Council's new offices' running costs. Detailed scrutiny will continue as design details of the new building emerge as part of the Stage 2 work. Robust new building build budget agreed to guarantee the best specification to maximise its operational efficiency savings. 	Project Team	 Robust £8.6m office project budget will fund a high specification building, and maximise its efficiency and operational savings. Pro-active WDC input into the emerging design of the new office building, to re- test the present running cost estimates. The WDC project team will be inputting and informing the new office building's 	Project Manag er	On- going	Iikelihood

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				• Further full evaluation at the end of the next stage.		specification, to ensure maximising the future revenue savings.			
F 6	Abnormal or increased development costs.	 Site surveys reveal adverse ground conditions. LLP cost estimates too low. Planning consent requires higher cost solutions. Market changes require higher cost solutions. 	 Increased capital costs. Project viability challenges. LLP wants to terminate project. Council consider terminating project 	 LLP underwrites any abnormal or increased costs. Current outline project budgets have been externally validated for robustness. Contingencies also included. Costs will be further reviewed and refined by the next-stage design process. Ground condition and other surveys to be undertaken shortly to further assess and risks. Construction cost estimates will be reviewed as part of the next stage 2work. Design team will input into reviewing robustness and project estimates. 	Project Team	 All risk mitigation measures to be regularly reviewed by LLP and WDC Project Team. Further formal project viability test in July next year. 	Proj. Mgr	On- going	Itkelihood

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				• Propose Design and Build contract for new offices and car park will cap the Council's potential financial liabilities for any extra build cost.					
F 7	Adverse legal title issues:	 Onerous restrictive covenants discovered. WDC cannot prove good legal title to the two sites. WDC and LLP cannot agree legal agreements to progress project the next, and the implementation stages. 	 Restrictive covenants could frustrate any development, or restrict type and nature of development. Delay or frustration of the project. LLP/WDC cannot progress project further. 	 Initial legal due diligence undertaken by WDC and the LLP. Further legal due diligence as part of next stage work. Legal agreements with the LLP to define roles and responsibilities and financial liabilities and risk 	Project Board	 All risk mitigation measures to be regularly reviewed by LLP and WDC Project Team. WDC/LLP, legal advisors to continue to progress all legal due diligence. Heads of Terms Principles already agreed and will now move to legal 'lock-in' contracts being drafted and completed. 			Itkelihood

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F 8	'Different Ways of Working' not implemented.	 New working practices not agreed or implemented. Resistance to change by staff. 	 Additional on- site staff facilities required. Increased or changed building size and specification required. Cost increases/lack of full amount of savings achieved and consequent need to find other ways to save money 	 SMT overseeing programme of DWOW. Substantial liaison to date with other LA's who are ahead of us in this field re: implementation Pro-active staff involvement strategy. 	Project Team +SMT	 Pro-active ongoing consultations with: Service Heads, staff, Staff Voice and HR colleagues. Working with new office design team to ensure new building's layouts and specifications are suitable for our new working needs. SMT now rolling out initial phases of DWoW prior to office move. 	SMT and Project Team.	On- going	Iikelihood