Significant Business Risk Register

Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation / Control / Future Action (in bold)	Residual Risk Rating
Performance Manageme	nt Risks			
1. Fit for the Future Change Programme not managed appropriately/effectively.	Poor organisational communication. Conflicting priorities and priorities increasing in number. Unable to dedicate appropriate resources due to the impact on existing services. Poor management. Ineffective use of project management or systems thinking. Lack of funding. Business Strategy can't be agreed due to no overall political control.	Reduced service levels. Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts. Reputational damage. Demoralised and demotivated staff.	Project prioritisation. (SMT) SMT are Programme Board. (SMT) Fit for the Future change programme and associated governance arrangements. (SMT) Budget monitoring process. (HoF) Clear communications, Staff Focus Group. (SMT) People Strategy Action plan. (SMT) Strong leadership to ensure priorities are managed to a deliverable level. (SMT) Securing additional resources to support existing service provision. (CMT) Projects drawn up within RIBA framework. (SMT) FFF June 2018 report to Exec agreed further projects to include in the programme. (Further report went to 10 July 2019 Executive.) Agreement of Business Strategy. (Draft in place – currently being consulted on.)	Likelihood

Performance Management Risks (Cont.)

2. Risk of sustained service quality reduction.

Risk Description

Shortage of staff resources and staff skills and knowledge.

Staff skills and resources diverted to service redesign proposals as part of delivering Fit For the Future and other emerging corporate priorities.

Cannot afford cost of maintaining service quality.

Partners such as WCC make service cuts.

Health pandemic.

Contractor failure.

Unplanned termination of contract by contractor.

Housing numbers not achieved.

Increase in Members' and Citizens' expectations.

Greater demand on services from increases in the population as well as societal, technological and legislative changes.

Changes in members' and citizens' expectations.

Poor customer service and reductions in income.

Lack of direction with critical projects and services being compromised.

Public lose confidence in Council's ability to deliver.

Demoralised and demotivated staff.

Additional costs attached to re-procuring contract, including legal fees.

Loss of New Homes Bonus.

Effective Management of Change Programme. (CMT)

Agreeing additional resources where service quality is reduced. (CMT)

Strong leadership to manage priorities to a deliverable level. (SMT)

Effective vacancy control. (SMT)

Service Reviews. (SMT)

Workforce Planning. (SMT)

Launch of employee branding and recruitment package (July 2017) developed by Workforce Steering Group. (HR Manager)

Effective contract management supported by appropriate legal support. (SMT)

Enhanced Performance Management System. (SMT)

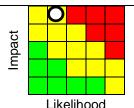
Corporate Workforce Steering Group project completed in respect of salary review, and impact of National Living Wage. (HR Manager)

Corporate Workforce Steering Group project ongoing in respect of Apprenticeships. (HR Manager)

[Apprentices are being recruited on an ongoing basis.]

Ongoing identification of where pressure points are and development of action plans as part of the Business Strategy review.

Outcome of work will feed into Business Strategy review.



Performance Management Risks (Cont.)

3. Risk of major contractor going into administration or deciding to withdraw from the contract.

Poor procurement of contractor.

Poor contract management.

Poor management of company.

External factors.

State of economy (including Brexit factors).

Introduction of Living Wage.

Reduced service levels.

Non or reduced achievement of objectives.

Adverse financial impacts.

Reputational damage.

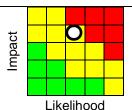
Properly procured contracts. (SMT)

Active contract management supported by appropriate legal support. (SMT)

Business Continuity Plan. (SMT) Soft market testing as appropriate.

(SMT)

Parent Company Guarantees being monitored. (SAMS) [CreditSafe being used to help assess potential contractors and monitor existing ones.]



Corporate Governance Risks

4. Risk of corporate governance arrangements not maintained effectively.

Ineffective political and senior management leadership.

Complacent attitudes.

Delays in making, or failure to make, key decisions by Council Members.

Breakdown of member-officer relationships.

Election of new members that may lack relevant experience and/or knowledge of local government.

Delays in making decisions due to no overall political control. (Not materialising currently.) Breakdown in internal controls leading to: non-achievement of objectives; high volumes of staff, customer, and contractor fraud; and loss of reputation.

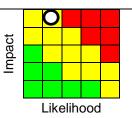
Council's constitution. (DCE(AJ))
Council's strategies and policies,
including Code of Financial Practice and
Code of Procurement Practice. (SMT)
Strong scrutiny arrangements. (SMT)
Effective internal audit function. (HoF)
Annual Governance Statement.
(DCE(AJ))

Codes of Conduct. (Members) Effective Political Group discipline. (Group Leaders)

Councillor training (CMT)
New Member/Officer Protocol

introduced. (DCE(AJ))
Local Code of Corporate Governance
adopted. (DCE(AJ))

CMT/Group Leaders meetings (enabling all groups to be better briefed).



Human Resources Risks				
5. Risk of staff not developed effectively.	Ineffective workforce strategies. Not managing staffing resources efficiently and effectively. (The gender pay gap report is evidence-based.) Possible insufficient training budget.	Disruption to Council services – staff cannot undertake level or volume of work to meet all priorities. Poor customer service. 'Industrial' action. Unable to meet statutory requirements. The potential of staff is not fulfilled.	Link to People Strategy. (SMT) New Management Framework. (HR) Workforce planning through Service Area Plans. (SMT) Service Area Training Matrices in place to feed into Corporate Training Plan. (SMT/HR) Regular training budget reviews in Workforce Steering Group. (WSG) Appropriate use of external resources. (SMT) Learning & Development Guide including Management programme. (WSG) To develop a response to the Gender Pay Gap Report. (SMT)	Likelihood

Financial Management Risks

6. Risk of insufficient finance to enable the council to meet its service area plan objectives (including insufficient reduction in operational costs).

Poor financial planning.

Unexpected loss of income and/ or increase in expenditure.

FFF Projects do not achieve sufficient savings.

Reset of Revenue Grant.

Business Rate Retention.

Council Tax income base reducing.

National Economy declines.

Local economy declines

Tightening of Government fiscal policy.

Changes to Government Policy. Reduced Government grants.

Demographic changes.

Focus on FFF priorities which compromise existing service delivery.

Weak financial planning and forecasts.

External competition.

Member decision making.

Council policy framework not conducive to enterprise development.

Increased contract costs (from intro of National Living Wage)

Housing numbers not achieved.

Delay in fair funding review.

Inability to agree suitable funding proposals to allow HQ relocation project to move to Phase 2 – project delivery.

Inability to agree suitable funding proposals to allow the HQ relocation project to move to Stage 2 (delivery phase).

Changes to funding proposals for existing schemes.

Climate Emergency Declaration.

Forced to make large scale redundancies.

Forced to make urgent decisions without appropriate planning.

Forced to make service cuts.

Increased costs.

Fines/penalties imposed.

Landlord service becomes unviable and/or the condition of the housing stock reduces its utility and value.

Loss of New Homes Bonus.

Reduction in reputation.

Unable to meet statutory requirements.

Failure to deliver carbonneutral objectives by 2025. Codes of Financial Practice and Procurement Practice. (HoF)

Effective internal audit function. (HoF)

External audit of financial accounts. (HoF)

Effective management of FFF Projects. (SMT)

All projects accompanied with robust financial appraisals and programme forecasts that allow the Council to understand projected funding requirements. (HoF)

Council's constitution. (DCE(AJ))

Financial training. (HoF)

Robust financial planning and a Medium Term Financial Plan that can accurately forecast income and expenditure. (HoF/SMT)

Code of Financial Practice Training. (HoF)

Plan in place to make savings as to meet the anticipated budget shortfall. (HoF/SMT)

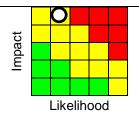
Ongoing monitoring and future reports of existing assumed savings – e.g. leisure programme, office move, terms & conditions review. (SMT).

Changes to funding proposals for existing projects.

Agreement of Business Strategy 2019-2023. (Will need to identify that climate change objectives will generate additional costs.)

On-year funding review.

Budget review paper.



Reserves used to smooth impact of fluctuations in income. (HoF)

Financial Management Risks (Cont.) 7. Risk of additional Risk of revenue Greater level of savings to Fit for the Future change Impact financial liabilities. programme. (CMT) implications of capital be sought. schemes not being fully Forced to make sub-Service Area and Project Risk identified. optimum and short term Registers. (SMT) Risk of loss or delay of decision without proper Project Management. (SMT) Likelihood capital receipts. planning. **Development of Corporate** Reduced levels of service. Risk of increase in **Asset Management Strategy** superannuation fund Payment of compensation. and an accompanying Action contributions. Plan covering all General Fund Failure to deliver service. and HRA assets (scheduled for Uninsured loss. Contractual disputes. October 2019). (ASG) Risk of Medium Term Financial underestimating Maintenance of a future revenue income comprehensive asset and expenditure database. (AM) (including capital) More effective financial planning Legal challenge e.g. and scenario analysis. (HoF) relating to a planning Regular monitoring of Fit for the development. Future. (SMT) Legal advice on projects. (SMT) Projects drawn up within RIBA framework. (SMT)

Financial Management Risks (Cont.)					
8. Risk of not obtaining potential income sources.	Ineffective management. Complacency. Lack of resources to investigate. Other priorities.	More loss-making or subsidised services. Reduced income for the Housing Revenue Account that could compromise banking covenants.	Effective fees and charges schemes. (HoF) Communications & Marketing Strategy. (SMT) Regular reviews of financial forecasts to ensure income projections are up to date. (HoF) Secure additional resources to ensure existing services are not impacted as a result of a focus on FFF/corporate priorities. (HoF) Ongoing engagement with the CWLEP to ensure future funding opportunities are understood and assessed. (CMT) Engagement of appropriate advice to enable opportunities to remodel the Council's non-operational asset base to be assessed. (DCE(BH)) DCN Income Generation and Commercialisation Review undertaken (HoF) Business Strategy 2019-2023 Paper on External Funding Opportunities.	Likelihood	

Procurement Risks				
9. Risk of improper procurement practices and legislative requirements not being complied with.	Weak governance arrangements. Ineffective procurement. Poor procurement function.	Reduced levels of service provision. Increased costs. Fines/penalties imposed.	Codes of Financial Practice and Procurement Practice. (HoF) Training of staff. (HoF/SMT) Monitoring of departmental procurement. (SMT) Procurement Strategy (incl. action plan). (HoF) Code of Procurement Practice and related documents updated. (HoF) WCC Procurement Team and WCC Legal Team providing additional support and expertise. (SMT)	Likelihood
Partnership Risks				
10. Risk of partnerships not delivering stated objectives.	Poor management. Failure to apply a robust process for entering into partnerships. Lack of framework governing partnerships. Existing sub-regional partnerships disrupted or disbanded as a consequence of the regional focus resulting from the announcement of the West Midlands Combined Authority	Required outcomes not achieved. Increased costs. Reduced level of service or failure to deliver service.	Normal management arrangements. (SAMS SMT) Project Groups for significant services. (SMT) Involvement in and engagement with existing sub-regional partnerships such as CWLEP. (CMT)	Likelihood

Legal Risks Constitution. (DCE(AJ)) 11. Risk of not complying Breakdown in External censure. with key legislation or Impact governance. External legal advice. (DCE(AJ)) Financial loss. legal requirements, Bureaucratic mistake. For Ongoing monitoring of all Executive Litigation. including failure to protect example - Not seeking recommendations. (DCE(AJ)) data. Financial legal advice; not Ongoing professional training. sanctions/penalties implementing it; simply Likelihood (SMT) getting delivery wrong Damage to reputation. Implementation of new e.g. sending out wrong arrangements to deal with GDPRs. email. (DCE(AJ))/SMT) Lack of appropriate resources. **Information Management Risks** 12. Risk of ineffective Poor management of IT Costly services. ICT Strategy and Digital Impact utilisation of information Transformation Strategy. function. Inefficient services. O and communications (DCE(AJ)) Lack of specialist staffing. Poor customer service. technology. Fully-resourced, effective and Lack of finance. Data disclosures. secure IT function. (DCE(AJ)) Poor training of new and Likelihood Training for staff. (DCE(AJ)) existing staff on ICT Procurement of a Change Partner systems. to work with SMT on the optimal Poor data quality. use of ICT to support business Resistance to change processes in the lead up to the HQ from various relocation (ICT/HR/DCE (BH)) stakeholders. Monitoring of service plan and operational service reviews by SMT. (SMT)

Risk Description

Residual Risk

Rating

Information Management Risks (Cont.)						
13. Risk of failure to protect information assets from malicious cyber attack.	Lack of staff training and awareness. Poor or ineffective countermeasures. Ineffective incident response plans. Inadequate penetration testing regime.	Reputational damage. Lost productivity. Recovery costs. Potential fines (ICO).	CESG approved penetration tests. (DCE(AJ)) Patch Management Policy. (DCE(AJ)) Anti-malware software, plus next generation AV- Intercept X. (DCE(AJ)) Anti-malware strategy. (DCE(AJ)) Anti-malware risk log. (DCE(AJ)) Incident Management Policy & Procedure. (DCE(AJ)) Incident Management Policy & Procedure. (DCE(AJ)) Incident Information Backup Policy. (DCE(AJ)) Electronic Information Backup Policy. (DCE(AJ)) Introduction of multiple fileservers to reduce target exposure and to speed up recovery (DCE(AJ)) Introduction of temporary web site in the event of a major outage, reducing reputational damage. (DCE (AJ) (Risk Mitigation transferred to RISK 14.) e-learning solution (DCE (AJ) [Training programme to be developed by Training Manager.] Next generation AV, including Intercepting Ransomware in place. (DCE(AJ)) National Cyber security check now in place. (DCE(AJ)) Implement Log Monitoring solution (DCE(AJ)) Installation of the software is complete. Waiting for further supplier proposals to complete the implementation Installation of Network Intrusion Detection/Intrusion Prevention solution. Adoption of Cloud services and infrastructure as appropriate (for example, MS Office365). Actions are "opportunistic rather than planned" so not in bold. Participate in LRF Programme central government questionnaire. (ICT)	Likelihood		

Asset Management Risks

14. Risk of failing to provide, protect and maintain Council-owned property (buildings and equipment).

Poor management. Lack of finance.

Ineffective asset management.

Incomplete data on asset conditions.

Lack of effective asset management planning.

Insufficient resources to maintain assets.

Inaction re multi-storev car parks.

Failure of IT system.

Lack of a suitable and safe living or working environment for residents. staff and visitors.

Sub optimum asset decisions that are poor value for money. Building closure.

Closure of car parks with resultant loss of income.

Development of an Asset Strategy linked to Asset Database, (AM) Amended to reflect two separate acti points. See next two action points...

Development of Corporate Asset Management Strategy and an accompanying Action Plan covering all General Fund and HRA assets (scheduled for Sept October 2019). (ASG) Maintenance of a comprehensive asset database.

Overall strategic decisions regarding Council's corporate and HRA assets managed by multi-disciplinary Asset

Strategy Group - chaired by Deputy Chief Executive. (DCE(BH))

Establishment of a corporate compliance and delivery group reporting to the Asset Strategy Group (AM)

Improvements to be made to end-to-end systems to manage electrical testing, asbestos management fire safety, gas servicing and Legionella monitoring through the new Assets Team structure. (AM)

Appropriate systems to manage electric testing, gas servicing, asbestos management and removals, legionella testing, fire risks and health and safety assessments across all Council assets (AM/HoCP)

Remodelling of Housing Investment Programme based on HRA stock condition survey. (AM/DCE (BH)/HoH)

Having sufficient reserves to be able to respond to unexpected issues. (HoF)

Completion of the review of the relocation project and proposed redevelopment of the Covent Garden site following the Executive decision not to pursue any future projects through the LLP. (AM)

Completion of review of the corporate asset planned maintenance programme's next 5-year tranche. (AM)

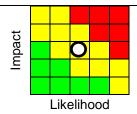
Completion of the various elements of the Corporate Asset Management Strategy Action Plan (AM/HoH)

Having appropriate structures to review compliance. (HoH&CP)

Fortnightly monitoring of multi-storey block improvement programme through Corporate Fire Safety Group (DCE(BH)

Introduction of temporary web site in the event of a major outage, reducing reputational damage. (DCE (AJ) Financial planning for equipment and system renewal.

Mitigations set out in ICT Risk Register + debrief and action plan when problems have emerged.



Emergency Response and Business Continuity Risks Emergency plan reviewed every 6 15. Risk of a major Numerous causes Partial or total loss of O Impact months. (CMT) incident not responded to resources such as staff, including loss of ICT Business continuity plan reviewed every effectively. facilities/data, loss of equipment, systems. 6 months. (CMT) staff, absence of effective Major media engagement. Ongoing training of councillors and to BCP. Major disruption to all officers named in MEP. (HoH&CP) Likelihood Council services. Review of the MEP, named officers within MEP, associated SOPs. Gaps Possible legal action for identification and appropriate updating. damages. (HoH&CP) Operational testing and exercising of the MEP and vulnerability responses within Warwickshire. (HoH&CP) Safety Advisory groups of events held within the district & command and control centres for major district events. (HoH&CP) Review completed of business continuity plans for service areas. The priorities contained within those plans to be consolidated Council-wide. (HoH&CP) ICT Business Continuity contract, inc. annual off-site rehearsal. (ICT) Perimeter network protection (Firewall, 2 Factor Authentication, Spam filter, Antivirus, etc.), including penetration testing. (ICT) Backup and recovery procedures. (ICT) Provision of Counter Terrorism training. (HoH&CP) Implement Log Monitoring solution implemented. (DCE(AJ)) Installation of Network Intrusion Detection/Intrusion Prevention solution.

Environmental Risks

16. Risk of climate change and environmental challenges not responded to effectively. Lack of expertise. Lack of finance.

Failure to reduce carbon footprint.

Failure to get a "Yes" vote in the Council Tax Referendum.

Budgetary impacts. Service changes required if long recovery

phase. Loss of reputation and external censure.

Disruption to services. Public health issues.

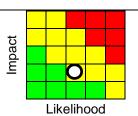
Funding not available to deliver the actions contained in the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Actions included in Sustainability Action Plan. (HoH&CP) e.g. electric vehicles, agile working arrangements, recycling, plastics policy, etc.

Agreement of Business Strategy 2019-2023 and delivery of Climate Change **Action Plan allowing** members to determine extent of measures/projects to mitigate climate change and other environmental challenges that are to be included. (SMT)

Procurement of professional consultancy support. (SMT)

Report to be considered by **Executive detailing** resource and service options should Referendum return a "No" vote. (CMT)



Key:

New narrative (since previous quarter)

Narrative transferred (since previous quarter)

Deleted narrative (since previous quarter)

Control/mitigation that had been, in previous quarter, recorded as an action.

Comment

O = Current risk score

① ② etc = Previous risk scores

 $\uparrow \rightarrow$ etc = trail (direction) of changes

AM : Assets Manager CE : Chief Executive

CMT : Corporate Management Team

DCE(AJ) : Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer – Andrew Jones

DCE(BH) : Deputy Chief Executive - Bill Hunt

HoCS : Head of Cultural Services
HoDS : Head of Development Services
HoF : Head of Finance (and S151 Officer)

HoH : Head of Housing

HoH&CP : Head of Health & Community Protection

HoNS : Head of Neighbourhood Services

HR : Human Resources Manager

ICT : ICT Manager

SMT : Senior Management Team