Significant Business Risk Register

Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation / Control / Future Action (in bold)	Residual Risk Rating
Performance Manageme		T	Decided prioritication (CMT)	
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. Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event	Reduced service levels. Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts. Reputational damage. Demoralised and demotivated staff. Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and 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) Business Strategy agreed by Members and appropriately managed (CMT). Commercial investment strategy to be developed and reported to Executive – Date tbc DCX (BH) Service Transformation Work Programme to be developed and reported to Executive – Date tbc DCX(AJ) Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)	Likelihood

Performance Management Risks (Cont.)

2. Risk of sustained service quality reduction.

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 e.g. Corona Virus.

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.

Lack of funding for Climate Change Action Plan.

Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event

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.

Failure to adapt to 'New Normal' caused by climate change.

Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff

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) Erstwhile information.

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

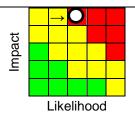
System. (SMT)

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

project ongoing in respect of Apprenticeships. (HR Manager) Erstwhile information.

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

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



Performance Management Risks (Cont.) 3. Risk of major contractor Properly procured contracts. (SMT) O Reduced service levels. Poor procurement of going into administration or contractor. Non or reduced achievement Active contract management Impact deciding to withdraw from supported by appropriate legal Poor contract of objectives. the contract. support. (SMT) management. Adverse financial impacts. Business Continuity Plan. (SMT) Poor management of Reputational damage. company. Soft market testing as appropriate. Organisation ill-prepared Likelihood (SMT) External factors. to deal with impact on State of economy Parent Company Guarantees being finances, service delivery (including Brexit factors). monitored. (SAMS) and staff Introduction of Living Comprehensive review of the Wage. organisation's response to the Major shock to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT) organisation due to a significant adverse national or international <mark>event</mark>

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

Breakdown of memberofficer relationships.

Council Members.

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.

Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event

Breakdown in internal controls leading to: non-achievement of objectives; high volumes of staff, customer, and contractor fraud; and loss of reputation.

Decision-making open to less officer and member scrutiny.

Decision-making postponed

Decision-making postponed as organisation is not properly prepared.

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))

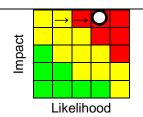
Local Code of Corporate Governance

adopted. (DCE(AJ))

CMT/Group Leaders meetings.

Governance review being undertaken involving all Council Members – September 2020.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



Residual Risk

Rating

Human Resources Risk	(S			
5. Risk of staff not developed effectively.	Ineffective workforce strategies. Not managing staffing resources efficiently and effectively. 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) Replaced as below: Actions to be agreed as part of Gender Pay Gap Report (SMT – Sept 2020)	Likelihood

Financial Management Risks

6. Risk of insufficient finance to enable the council to meet its service area plan business plan strategy 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. Unfavourable Referendum result. Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event

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.

Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances. service delivery and staff

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.

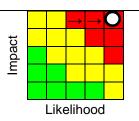
Business Strategy agreed by Members and appropriately managed (CMT).

Commercial investment strategy to be developed and reported to Executive - Date tbc DCX (BH)

Service Transformation Work Programme to be developed and reported to Executive -Date tbc DCX(AJ)

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)

Budget Review Report to be considered at September Executive (HoF)



Financial Management Risks (Cont.) 7. Risk of additional Risk of revenue Greater level of savings to Fit for the Future change Impact implications of capital be sought. programme. (CMT) financial liabilities. schemes not being fully Service Area and Project Risk Forced to make subidentified. 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 Asset** Reduced levels of service. Risk of increase in Management Strategy and an superannuation fund accompanying Action Plan Payment of compensation. contributions. covering all General Fund and Failure to deliver service. Uninsured loss. HRA assets has been approved Contractual disputes. (scheduled for October 2019). Risk of Medium Term Organisation ill-prepared (ASG) Financial underestimating to deal with impact on Maintenance of a future revenue income finances, service delivery comprehensive built asset and expenditure and staff (including capital) database. (AM) More effective financial planning Legal challenge e.g. relating to a planning and scenario analysis. (HoF) development. Regular monitoring of Fit for the Major health epidemic Future. (SMT) e.g. Corona Virus. Legal advice on projects. (SMT) Major shock to the Projects drawn up within RIBA organisation due to a framework. (SMT) significant adverse Reserves used to smooth impact national or international of fluctuations in income. (HoF) event Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan

to be put in place (CMT)

Financial Management R	isks (Cont.)			
B. Risk of not obtaining cotential income sources.	Ineffective management. Complacency. Lack of resources to investigate. Other priorities. Partner changing priorities. Income opportunities diminished due to significant adverse national or international event Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event	More loss-making or subsidised services. Reduced income for the Housing Revenue Account that could compromise banking covenants. Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff	FFF Programme. (SMT) 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. Commercial investment strategy to be developed and reported to Executive – Date tbc DCX (BH) Service Transformation Work Programme to be developed and reported to Executive – Date tbc DCX(AJ) Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)	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 Major shock to the partnership due to a significant adverse national or international event	Required outcomes not achieved. Increased costs. Reduced level of service or failure to deliver service. Partnership ill-prepared to deal with impact on its objectives	Normal management arrangements. (SAMS SMT) Project Groups for significant services. (SMT) Involvement in and engagement with existing sub-regional partnerships such as CWLEP. (CMT) Partnership arrangements to review impact of pandemic and consider if any specific actions are required. (SMT)	Likelihood

Legal Risks 11. Risk of not complying Breakdown in External censure. Constitution. (DCE(AJ)) Impact with key legislation or 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 Likelihood implementing it; simply (SMT) Damage to reputation. getting delivery wrong Implementation of new e.g. sending out wrong Organisation ill-prepared arrangements to deal with GDPRs. email. to deal with impact on (DCE(AJ))/SMT) Lack of appropriate finances, service delivery Comprehensive review of the and staff resources. organisation's response to the Major shock to the pandemic with an action plan organisation due to a to be put in place (CMT) significant adverse national or international <u>event</u>

Information Management Risks						
12. Risk of ineffective utilisation of information and communications technology.	Poor management of IT function. Lack of specialist staffing. Lack of finance. Poor training of new and existing staff on ICT systems. Poor data quality. Resistance to change from various stakeholders.	Costly services. Inefficient services. Poor customer service. Data disclosures.	ICT Strategy and Digital Transformation Strategy. (DCE(AJ)) Fully-resourced, effective and secure IT function. (DCE(AJ)) Training for staff. (DCE(AJ)) Procurement of a Change Partner to work with SMT on the optimal use of ICT to support business processes in the lead up to the HQ relocation (ICT/HR/DCE (BH)) HQ relocation not proceeding as envisaged. Monitoring of service plan and operational service reviews by SMT. (SMT)	Likelihood		

Information Management Risks (Cont.) CESG approved penetration tests. 13. Risk of failure to Lack of staff training and Reputational damage. (DCE(AJ)) protect information assets awareness. Lost productivity. Patch Management Policy. (DCE(AJ)) from malicious cyber-Poor or ineffective Anti-malware software, plus next Impact Recovery costs. attack. generation AV- Intercept X. (DCE(AJ)) countermeasures. Potential fines (ICO). Anti-malware strategy. (DCE(AJ)) Ineffective incident Anti-malware risk log. (DCE(AJ)) Likelihood Organisation ill-prepared response plans. Incident Management Policy & Procedure. to deal with impact on ICT (DCE(AJ)) Inadequate penetration <mark>systems</mark> Major Virus Response Procedure. testing regime. (DCE(AJ)) Major shock to the Electronic Information Backup Policy. (DCE(AJ)) organisation due to a Introduction of multiple fileservers to significant adverse reduce target exposure and to speed up national or international recovery (DCE(AJ)) event Introduction of temporary web site in the event of a major outage, reducing reputational damage. (DCE (AJ) e-learning solution (DCE (AJ) 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)) Completed Installation of Network Intrusion Detection/Intrusion Prevention solution. Adoption of Cloud services and infrastructure as appropriate (for example, MS Office365). Participate in LRF Programme central government questionnaire. (ICT) Survey now completed. Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be

put in place (CMT)

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-storey car parks.

Failure of IT system.

Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event

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.

Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on its assets

Development of an Asset Strategy linked to Asset Database. (AM)

Development of Corporate Asset Management Strategy and an accompanying Action Plan covering all General Fund and HRA assets has been developed. (seheduled for Sept October 2019). (ASG)

Maintenance of a comprehensive asset database. (AM)

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)

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)

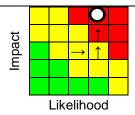
Having appropriate structures to review compliance. (HoH&CP) SMT

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.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



Risk Description

Residual Risk

Rating

Emergency Response and Business Continuity Risks Emergency plan reviewed every 6 months. 15. Risk of a major Partial or total loss of Numerous causes (CMT) Impact incident not responded to including loss of ICT resources such as staff, Business continuity plan reviewed every 6 equipment, systems. effectively. facilities/data, loss of months. (CMT) staff, absence of effective Major media engagement. Ongoing training of councillors and to BCP. officers named in MEP. (HoH&CP) Major disruption to all Likelihood Major shock to the Review of the MEP, named officers within Council services. MEP, associated SOPs. Gaps identification organisation due to a Possible legal action for and appropriate updating. (HoH&CP) significant adverse damages. Operational testing and exercising of the national or international MEP and vulnerability responses within Major shock to the event Warwickshire. (HoH&CP) organisation due to a Safety Advisory groups of events held significant adverse within the district & command and control national or international centres for major district events. (HoH&CP) <u>event</u> 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** (DCE(AJ)) Completed Installation of Network Intrusion Detection/Intrusion Prevention solution. Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be

put in place (CMT)

Environmental Risks

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

Failure to meet District's ambition to be carbon neutral within specified timeframes.

Lack of expertise.

Lack of finance.

Failure to reduce carbon footprint.

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

Lack of support from partners / community / Government.

Conflict between current govt. legislation guidance ambition.

Loss of political unity / support.

Lack of staff resource / capacity.

Competing priorities e.g. addressing Coronavirus.

Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event

Budgetary impacts.

Service changes required if long recovery phase.

Loss of reputation and external censure.

Disruption to services.

Public health issues.

Failure to adapt to 'New Normal' caused by climate change.

Political consequences.

Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff

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

Agreement of Delivery 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)

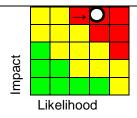
Climate Change Action Plan to be reviewed in light of postponed referendum. (PDCC)

Procurement of professional consultancy support. (SMT)

Report on Year 1 of Climate Change Action Plan.

Climate Change Director appointed.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (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