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.	Reduced service levels. Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts. Reputational damage. Demoralised and demotivated staff.	New OD team in place. (HoC&CS) 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. (SAMS) People Strategy Action plan. (SMT) Additional training for staff involved with project management. (HoC&CS) Strong leadership to ensure priorities are managed to a deliverable level. (SAMS) Securing additional resources to support existing service provision. (CMT) Projects drawn up within RIBA framework.	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. Pandemic. Contractor failure.	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.	Effective Management of Change Programme. (CMT) Agreeing additional resources where service quality is reduced. (CMT) Strong leadership to manage priorities to a deliverable level. (SAMS) Effective vacancy control. (SAMS) Service Reviews. (SAMS) Workforce Planning. (SAMS) Enhanced Performance Management System (SMT) Use of Measures/KPIs (SMT) Incorporated in above action.	Likelihood
3. Risk of major contractor going into administration.	Poor procurement of contractor. Poor contract management. Poor management of company. External factors. State of economy. Introduction of Living Wage.	Reduced service levels. Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts. Reputational damage.	Properly procured contracts. (SAMS) Active contract management. (SAMS) Business Continuity Plan. (SAMS) Consult with contractors concerning Living Wage. (SAMS) Managed through routine contract management.	Likelihood

Corporate Governance Ri	sks			
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.	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. (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.	Likelihood
Human Resources Risks 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.	People Strategy. (SMT) Management development programme. (HoC&CS) Succession planning. (SAMS) Prioritisation of work. (SAMS) Appropriate use of external resources. (SAMS)	Likelihood

Financial Management Risks

6. Risk of insufficient finance to enable the council to meet its 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.

Risk of poor Revenue Support Grant Settlement.

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 LW)

Housing and Planning Bill reducing the resources available to the Council to maintain its housing landlord service. 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.

Codes of Financial Practice and Procurement Practice. (HoF)

Effective internal audit function. (HoF)
External audit of financial accounts. (HoF)
Effective management of FFF Projects.
(SAMS)

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)

Regular review of Financial Strategy. (HoF/SMT)

Funding agreed for Prosperity Agenda prioritised within Sustainable Community Strategy aspirations and resources aligned to support delivery.

Code of Financial Practice Training being provided.

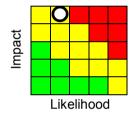
Deloittes Fees & Charges Review Completed. Plan in place to fill the anticipated budget shortfall. (HoF/SMT)

Complete Leisure Options Review.
(HoCS/CMT) Review completed. Complete
Leisure Development Programme
regarding investment and management
arrangements. (HoCS/CMT)

Discuss implications of LW with contractors and with HR. (SAMS / DCE(BH)) Managed through routine contract management.

FFF Savings options agreed by Executive.

Review of Housing Revenue Account Business Plan to balance expenditure with net income (after any payments due to government in support of national policy).



Executive has approved the FFF savings plan which has significantly reduced the likelihood of the Council having insufficient finances to maintain services. Explanation in change in risk score no longer required.

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7. Risk of additional financial liabilities.	Risk of revenue implications of capital schemes not being fully identified. Risk of loss or delay of capital receipts. Risk of increase in superannuation fund contributions. Uninsured loss. Risk of Medium Term Financial underestimating future revenue income and expenditure (including capital) Legal challenge e.g. relating to a planning	Greater level of savings to be sought. Forced to make suboptimum and short term decision without proper planning. Reduced levels of service. Payment of compensation. Failure to deliver service.	Fit for the Future change programme. (CMT) Project Risk Registers. (SAMS) Project Management. (SAMS) Asset Management. (HoH&PS) More effective financial planning and scenario analysis. (HoF) Regular monitoring of Fit for the Future. (SMT) Legal advice on projects. (SAMS) Projects drawn up within RIBA framework. Reserves used to smooth impact of fluctuations in income.	Likelihood
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Financial Management Ri	sks (Cont.)			
8. Risk of not investigating potential income sources.	Ineffective management. Complacency. Lack of resources to investigate. Other priorities.	More loss making services. Reduced income for the Housing Revenue Account that could compromise banking covenants.	FFF Programme. (SMT) Effective fees and charges schemes. (HoF) Communications & Marketing Strategy. (SAMS) Regular review 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) Funding agreed for Prosperity Agenda. Ensure staffing and funding resources for delivery of the Prosperity agenda remain fit for purpose by reviewing economic development and project support functions (DCE(BH)) Maintain and improve links with CW Growth Hub and Warwickshire Investment Partnership (HoDS) Submission of Expressions of Interest to CWLEP SEP refresh process (DCE(BH)) Introduce effectiveAdopt new Local Plan. (Members) Appointment of Grant Funding Advisor (HoDS) Removed as covered in the wider point above.	Likelihood

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Procurement Risks				
9. Risk of improper procurement practices and legislative requirementsnot 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/SAMS) Monitoring of departmental procurement. (SMT) Procurement Strategy (incl. action plan). (HoF) Code of Procurement Practice and related documents updated.	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. Possible repatriation of calls to Riverside House. 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. Worsening relationship with WCC.	Ongoing scrutiny of partnerships. (DCE(AJ)) Normal management arrangements. (SAMS) Partnership checklists. (DCE(AJ))/SAMS) Annual healthcheck completed by senior officers. (DCE(AJ))/SAMS) Scrutiny committee regular review. (DCE(AJ)) Audit of partnership arrangements. (DCE(AJ)) Project Groups for significant services. (SAMS) Maintain dialogue with WCC. (DCE(AJ)) Action no longer applies. Maintain involvement in and engagement with existing subregional partnerships e.g. CWLEP, sEPB etc.	Likelihood Likelihood of risk occurring increased due to risk occurring increased due to uncertainties around new regional structures.

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Legal Risks				
11. Risk of not complying with key legislation or legal requirements, including failure to protect data.	Breakdown in governance.	External censure. Financial loss. Litigation. Financial sanctions/penalties Damage to reputation.	Constitution. (DCE(AJ)) External legal advice. (DCE(AJ)) Ongoing monitoring of all Executive recommendations. (DCE(AJ)) Ongoing professional training. (SMT)	Likelihood
Information Management	t Risks	,		
12. Risk of ineffective utilisation of information and communications technology.	Poor management of IT function. Lack of specialist staffing. Lack of finance. Lack of trained staff.	Costly services. Inefficient services. Poor customer service. Data disclosures.	ICT Strategy. (DCE (AJ)) Fully-resourced, effective and secure IT function. (DCE (AJ)) Training for staff. (DCE (AJ))	Likelihood

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Asset Management Risk	S			
13. Risk of failing to provide, protect and maintain Council-owned property.	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.	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.	End-to-end systems intervention of the Property Service undertaken. New Asset Management Strategy developed linked to Asset Database. (HoH&PS) Overall strategic decisions regarding Council's corporate assets managed by multidisciplinary Asset Strategy Group - chaired by Deputy Chief Executive. (HoH&PSDCE(BH)) The operational management of the corporate repairs budget is overseen by the Corporate Property Investment Board (CPIB) (Removed as body no longer exists Asset Management Group (AMG) - chaired by Property Manager. (HoH&PS) Improvements made to end to end systems to manage electrical testing, asbestos and gas servicing. (HoH&PS) Completion of condition survey. (HoH&PS) Completion of specialist survey of multi-storey car parks. (HoNS)	Likelihood

Emergency Response and	Emergency Response and Business Continuity Risks				
14. Risk of a major incident not responded to effectively.	Numerous causes including terrorism, natural disaster, loss of ICT facilities/data and pandemic such as bird flu.	Partial or total loss of resources such as staff, equipment, systems. Major media engagement. Major disruption to all Council services. Possible legal action for damages.	Emergency plan reviewed every 6 months. (CMT) Business continuity plan reviewed every 6 months. (CMT) Training for SMT – exercises and reviews. (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) Counter terrorism training to be delivered. (HoH&CP)	Likelihood	
Environmental Risks					
15. Risk of climate change challenges not responded to effectively.	Lack of expertise. Lack of finance. Failure to reduce carbon footprint.	Budgetary impacts. Service changes required if long recovery phase. Loss of reputation and external censure. Disruption to services. Public health issues.	Climate Change Strategy in place.	Likelihood	

Planning Risks Original version This Risk has been replaced - see below 16. Risk of Local Plan Developer challenge Published timetable. (HoDS) Non or reduced being unsound or delayed. achievement of objectives. before local plan Plan based on robust evidence. Adverse financial impacts complete. (HoDS) such as failure to set the Political procrastination. Project management. (HoDS) **Community Infrastructure** Lack of involvement of Local Plan Programme Board. Levy. external key players. (HoDS) Reputational damage. Local Plan not evidenced Local Plan Risk Register. (HoDS) Possible legal action for properly. **Agree Gypsy and Traveller** Failure to identify suitable damages. sites. (Members) Development not where sites for Gypsies and Appeal letter sent to Greg Clarke, required. Travellers. Secretary of state for DCLG. Sub-Regional Housing Increased costs. (HoDS) Allocation not addressed. Additional work. Letter to the Planning Inspector **Likelihood** Local Plan found unsound. sent to request a suspension to Reduction in investment in the plan. area. Increase in appeals. Risk of insufficient Infrastructure Fundina. **Impact on Sustainable** Community Strategy

(SCS) objectives.

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· 	Developer challenge before local plan complete. Political procrastination. Lack of involvement of external key players. Local Plan not evidenced properly. Failure to identify suitable sites for Gypsies and Travellers. Sub-Regional Housing Allocation not addressed. Failure to adequately address controversial issues such as village green belt boundaries and gypsy and traveller sites.	·	Published timetable. (HoDS) Plan based on robust evidence. (HoDS) Project management. (HoDS) Local Plan Programme Board. (HoDS) Local Plan Risk Register. (HoDS) Agree Gypsy and Traveller sites. (Members) Reference to members is being removed is because we need to develop and bring forward the proposals first so it is in effect superseded by the first of the new points in bold (below). Appeal letter sent to Greg Clarke, Secretary of state for DCLG. (HoDS) Letter to the Planning Inspector sent to request a suspension to the plan. Ensure effective Duty to Cooperate - MoU agreed. Bring forward robust proposals for G&T sites as soon as possible. (Planning Policy Team - May 2016) Prepare revised Local Plan	Rating typedul Likelihood Risk reduced slightly due to enhancements in mitigations.
		Community Strategy (SCS) objectives.	proposals in line with the MoU - as set out in Council report 13/10/15. (Planning Policy Team – May 2016)	

Key:

New narrative

Narrative transferred

Deleted narrative

Comment

\$ = Current risk score

etc = Previous risk scores

 \mathbb{E} etc = trail (direction) of changes

CMT : CorporateManagement Team

SMT: Senior Management Team

DCE(AJ): Deputy Chief Executive – Andrew Jones HoC&CS: Head of Corporate & Community Services

HoF: Head of Finance

HoDS: Head of Development Services

HoH&CP: Head of Health & Community Protection

HoNS: Head of Neighbourhood Services