# Significant Business Risk Register

Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation / Control / Future Action (in bold)	Residual Risk Rating
Performance Manageme  1. Fit for the Future	Poor organisational	Reduced service levels.	OD team in place. (CEO)	
Change Programme not managed appropriately/effectively	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.	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. (SAMS)  People Strategy Action plan. (SMT)  Additional training for staff involved with project management. (CEO)  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.	Togate Likelihood

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#### **Performance Management Risks (Cont.)** 2. Risk of sustained Shortage of staff resources Poor customer service and Effective Management of Change service quality reduction. Programme. (CMT) and staff skills and reductions in income. knowledge. Agreeing additional resources Lack of direction with critical projects and where service quality is reduced. Staff skills and resources diverted to service services being (CMT) compromised redesign proposals as part Strong leadership to manage of delivering Fit For the priorities to a deliverable level. Public lose confidence in Future and other emerging Council's ability to deliver. (SAMS) corporate priorities. Demoralised and de-Effective vacancy control. Cannot afford cost of motivated staff. (SAMS) maintaining service Service Reviews. (SAMS) Impact quality. Workforce Planning. (SAMS) Partners such as WCC make service cuts. **Enhanced Performance** Management System (SMT) Pandemic. Likelihood HoNS) Contractor failure. **Project underway considering** recruitment & retention, job evaluation procedure, "employee branding", impact of National Living Wage, **Apprentices. Reports in due**

course to Employment
Committee and People
Strategy Steering Group.

(Head of HR&OD)

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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)	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 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.	Likelihood

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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) 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 Development Programme regarding investment and management arrangements. (HoCS/CMT)

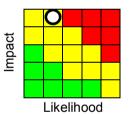
FFF Savings options agreed by Executive.
Review of Housing Revenue Account Business
Plan to balance expenditure with net income
(after any payments due to government in
support of national policy).

Further review of FFF programme during 2016/17. (CMT)

New FFF programme agreed by Members. (CMT)

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

Complete business case for HQ relocation. (DCE -BH) See also Risk 13



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Financial Management  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.	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)	Impact O
	Uninsured loss. Risk of Medium Term Financial underestimating future revenue income and expenditure (including capital) Legal challenge e.g. relating to a planning development.		Legal advice on projects. (SAMS) Projects drawn up within RIBA framework. Reserves used to smooth impact of fluctuations in income.	Likelihood

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	
		Re de for ec plant suppresse deliver fit for relation exter Grow Investigation for the formal suppressed for the formal su	priorities. (HoF)  Re-design consultation underway for economic development, planning policy and project support functions to ensure resources available for the delivery of prosperity agenda are fit for purpose and effective relationships are maintained with external bodies such as the CW Growth Hub and Warwickshire Investment Partnership (DCE (BH/HoDS) Now complete.	to be defined to the latest to
			Submission of Expressions of Interest to CWLEP SEP refresh process (DCE(BH)) Ongoing Submission of bids for external funding opportunities e.g. Expressions of Interest to CWLEP SEP refresh process for future LGF rounds, bids for Growing Places funding(DCE(BH))	

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<b>Procurement Risks</b>				
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/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)  Involvement in and engagement with existing sub-regional partnerships e.g. CWLEP, sEPB etc.	Impact Continued

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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 Managemen	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 and Digital by Default Transformation Strategy. (DCE (AJ)) Fully-resourced, effective and secure IT function. (DCE (AJ)) Training for staff. (DCE (AJ))	Likelihood

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Asset Management Risks				
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 multi-disciplinary Asset Strategy Group – chaired by Deputy Chief Executive. (DCE(BH))  The operational management of the corporate repairs budget is overseen by the Asset Management Group (AMG) – chaired by Property Manager. (HoH&PS)  Improvements to be made to end to end systems to manage electrical testing, asbestos and gas servicing and Legionella Disease. (HoH&PS)  Completion of HRA stock condition survey. (HoH&PS)  Complete business case for HQ relocation. (DCE –BH)  Completion of review of planned maintenance programme for corporate assets. (Asset Steering Group)  Preparation of Business Cases for future investment in the Linen Street Council's three-multi-storey car parks and a Car Parking strategy for all council car parks. (HoNS)  Business cases completed for the two other multi-story car parks.	Likelihood

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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 has been provided (HoH&CP)	Likelihood	
<b>Environmental Risks</b>					
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** Published timetable. (HoDS) Developer challenge 16. Local Plan is found Non or reduced Impact before local plan achievement of objectives. unsound. Plan based on robust evidence. complete. (HoDS) Adverse financial impacts Project management. (HoDS) Political procrastination. such as failure to set the Community Infrastructure Local Plan Programme Board. Lack of involvement of Likelihood Levy, loss of New Homes (HoDS) external key players. Bonus, Reputational Local Plan Risk Register. (HoDS) Local Plan not evidenced The requirement of the damage. Appeal letter sent to Grea Clarke, Inspector to meet properly. Possible legal action for Secretary of state for DCLG. (HoDS) Coventry's needs in the Failure to identify suitable HMA has resulted in the damages. Letter to the Planning Inspector sites for Gypsies and local plan being revised. Development not where sent to request a suspension to the Subsequent to Full Council Travellers. plan. decision on 24/2/16 and required. Sub-Regional Housing the Inspector agreeing to Ensure effective Duty to Cooperate Wasted resources involve Allocation not addressed. continue with the - MoU agreed. in reworking the Local Plan examination, we will Failure to adequately Prepared revised Local Plan consult on the soundness and increased costs. address controversial of the plan. However, if proposals in line with the MoU for Additional work. each of these stages is not issues such as village Council 24/2/16. (CMT/HoDS) followed in line with the green belt boundaries Reduction in investment in Topic papers now completed timetable, then there is an and gypsy and traveller area. increased risk of further and submitted to the Inspector unpalatable appeal sites. with the Local Plan, Further Increase in appeals. decisions. work continuing on G & T sites Risk of insufficient We have addressed the in time for the examination. concerns of the Inspector Infrastructure Funding. (HoDS) raised at the first stage of Impact on Sustainable the Examination and put Community Strategy measures in place to address the housing (SCS) objectives. shortfall to meet Coventry's needs. It is therefore considered that the likelihood of the plan being found unsound has

reduced.

### Key:

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### Comment

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CMT : Corporate Management Team SMT : Senior Management Team

DCE(AJ): Deputy Chief Executive - Andrew Jones

HoC&CS: Head of Corporate & Community Services (now defunct)

HoF: Head of Finance

**HoDS**: Head of Development Services

HoH&CP: Head of Health & Community Protection

HoNS: Head of Neighbourhood Services

CEO: Chief Executive's Office

HoH&PS: Head of Housing & Property Services

**HoCS**: Head of Cultural Services