Significant Business Risk Register

Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation / Control	Residual Risk Rating
Performance Management	Risks			
1. Risk of not managing corporate projects and organisational change effectively.	Poor organisational communication. Poor management.	Reduced service levels. Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts. Reputational damage.	The Council keeps its vision and objectives under review and recognises that there is a key dependency on the accuracy, completeness and relevance of management information and other data used to inform decisions.	Likelihood
2. Risk of service quality reducing.	Shortage of staff skills and knowledge. Cannot afford cost of maintaining service quality. Partners such as WCC make service cuts	Poor customer service. Public lose confidence in Council's ability to deliver. Demoralised and de- motivated staff.	Effective Management of Change Programme. Effective vacancy control. Service Reviews. Workforce Planning.	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.	Reduced service levels. Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts. Reputational damage.	Properly procured contracts. Active contract management.	Likelihood

Corporate Governance Risk	T			T
4. Risk of not maintaining effective corporate governance	Ineffective management and leadership.	Breakdown in internal controls leading to: non-achievement of objectives;	Council's constitution. Council's strategies and	
arrangements.	Complacent attitudes.	high volumes of staff,	policies, including Code of Financial Practice.	5 0
	Delays in making, or failure to make, key		Strong scrutiny arrangements.	Impact
	Members.	Effective internal audit function.	Likelihood	
	Changes to political leadership.		Annual Governance Statement.	
Human Resources Risks				
5. Risk of not developing staff effectively.	Ineffective workforce strategies.	Disruption to Council services – staff cannot	Workforce development strategy.	
	Not managing staffing resources efficiently	undertake level or volume of work to meet all	ork to meet all programme.	O mbact
	and effectively.	priorities. Poor customer service.	Succession planning.	<u>E</u>
		'Industrial' action.	Prioritisation of work.	
		industrial action.	Appropriate use of external resources.	Likelihood

Financial Management Risl	(S			
6. Risk of not providing sufficient finance to enable the council to meet its objectives / Insufficient reduction in operational costs.	Poor financial planning. Unexpected loss of income and/ or increase in expenditure. Excessive aspirations. FFF Projects do not achieve sufficient savings. Risk of poor Revenue Support Grant Settlement.	Forced to make large scale redundancies. Forced to make service cuts. Increased costs. Fines/penalties imposed.	Codes of Financial Practice and Procurement Practice. Effective internal audit function. External audit of financial accounts. Effective management of FFF Projects. Council's constitution. Financial training.	Likelihood
7. Risk of additional financial liabilities.	Risk of major contracts costing significantly more than budgeted for. 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.	Greater level of savings to be sought. Reduced levels of service	Fit for the Future change programme. Project Risk Registers. Project Management. Asset Management.	Likelihood

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8. Risk of significantly reduced income	National Economy declines. Local economy declines Tightening of Government fiscal policy. Changes to Government Policy. Reduced Government grants. Demographic changes. Unable to increase recycling income sufficiently.	More loss making services.	FFF Programme. Introduce Investment Strategy for Local Economy. Introduce effective Local Plan. Effective fees and charges schemes. Communications & Marketing Strategy.	Likelihood
9. Risk of savings not being achieved.	Ineffective use of Systems Thinking.	Services don't achieve their purpose.	SMT are Programme Board. Fit for the Future change programme and associated governance arrangements. Budget monitoring process.	Likelihood

Procurement Risks				
10. Risk of not complying with proper procurement practices and legislative requirements.	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. Training of staff. Monitoring of procurement function. Procurement Strategy (incl. action plan).	Likelihood
Partnership Risks	-			1
11. Risk of partnerships not delivering stated objectives.	Poor management. Failure to apply a robust process for entering into	Required outcomes not achieved.	Ongoing scrutiny of partnerships. Normal management arrangements.	

Risk Mitigation / Control

arrangements.

review.

Partnership checklists.

completed by senior officers.

Scrutiny committee regular

Annual healthcheck

Audit of partnership arrangements.

Residual Risk Rating

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Likelihood

Possible Consequences

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Possible Triggers

partnerships.

Lack of framework

governing partnerships.

Legal Risks				
12. 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. External legal advice. Monitoring officer review of all Executive recommendations. Ongoing professional training.	Likelihood
Information Management F	Risks			
13. Risk of not utilising information and communications technology effectively.	Poor management of IT function. Lack of specialist staffing.	Costly services. Inefficient services.	ICT Strategy. Fully-resourced and effective IT function.	bact

Risk Mitigation / Control

Residual Risk Rating

Likelihood

Possible Consequences

Risk Description

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Lack of finance.

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Asset Management Risks				
14. Risk of not failing to provide, protect and maintain Council-owned property.	Poor management. Lack of finance. Ineffective asset management.	Lack of a suitable and safe living or working environment for residents, staff and visitors.	Complete end to end systems intervention of the Property Service. Develop new Asset Management Strategy for Council approval linked to Asset Database. Overall strategic decisions regarding Council's corporate assets managed by multi-disciplinary Strategic Asset Management Group (SAG) – chaired by Deputy Chief Executive. The operational management of the corporate repairs budget is overseen by the Corporate Property Investment Board (CPIB) – chaired by Property Manager. Improvements made to end to end systems to manage electrical testing, asbestos and gas servicing.	Likelihood

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15. Risk of not responding effectively to a major incident.	including terrorism and	Partial or total loss of resources such as staff, equipment, systems.	Emergency plan reviewed every 6 months. Business continuity plan	t O
		Major media engagement.	reviewed every 6 months.	Impact
		Major disruption to all Council services.	Training for SMT –exercises and reviews.	E
		Possible legal action for damages.		Likelihood
Environmental Risks				
16. Risk of not	Lack of expertise.	Budgetary impacts.	Climate Change Strategy.	
responding effectively to climate change challenges.	Lack of finance.	Service changes required if		
	Failure to reduce carbon footprint.	long recovery phase. Loss of reputation and external censure.		Impact
		Disruption to services.		
		Public health issues.		Likelihood

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Planning Risks				
17. Risk of Local Plan being unsound or delayed.	Developer challenge before local plan complete.	Non or reduced achievement of objectives. Adverse financial impacts.	Published timetable. Plan based on robust evidence.	
	Local Plan found Reputational damage. unsound. Possible legal action for damages. Political procrastination.		mbact	
Political pro	Political procrastillation.	Development not where required. Increased costs.		Likelihood

Additional work.