## 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 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	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)	
	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.		Business Strategy agreed by Members and appropriately managed (CMT).  Teasibility of a commercial investment strategy, in the context of revised guidance and MMLP horsesting and the past pandomic	

## **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 reprocuring contract, including legal fees.

Loss of New Homes Bonus.

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

Organisation illprepared 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)

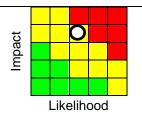
Workforce Planning. (SMT)

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

Enhanced Performance Management System. (SMT)

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT) Completed.

Change Programme agreed in principle by Members at December Executive. Proposals now proceed for consideration by Executive and then Council (CMT) Proposals agreed.



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Performance Managemen	nt 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. 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.  Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff.	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)  Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT) Completed.	Likelihood

(CMT) Completed.

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<b>Human Resources Risk</b>				
5. Risk of staff not developed effectively.	Ineffective workforce strategies.  Not managing staffing resources efficiently and effectively.  Possible insufficient training budget.  Impact of Covid-19  Impact of inaccessibility of training internal and external	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. Some staff not developed to the level required to deliver service effectively	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) Actions to be agreed as part of Gender Pay Gap Report when reporting is accessible as part of new Payroll system (SMT) Training in different ways – On line, telephone, webinars. (SMT/HR) Prioritise training based on service needs. (SMT) Acceptance that some training may be disrupted until new ways of delivery are prepared. (SMT)	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 and forecasts. Unexpected loss of income and/ or increase in expenditure.

FFF Projects do not achieve sufficient savings.

Reset of Revenue Grant and 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 stops previously agreed savings.

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.

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.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic undertaken with findings and action plan approved by Executive. 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).

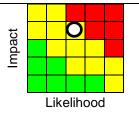
Changes to funding proposals for existing projects.

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

Feasibility of a commercial investment strategy, in the context of revised guidance on PWLB borrowing and the post-pandemic economic situation to be assessed and reported to Executive DCX (BH) Other priorities have led to this action being suspended.

Service Transformation Work Programme to be developed and reported to Executive DCX(AJ)
Agreed as part of Budget proposals.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT) Completed.



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Financial Management I	Risks (Cont.)			
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 development. Major health epidemic e.g. Corona Virus. Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event.	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.  Contractual disputes.  Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff	Fit for the Future change programme. (CMT)  Service Area and Project Risk Registers. (SMT)  Project Management. (SMT)  Corporate Asset Management Strategy and an accompanying Action Plan covering all General Fund and HRA assets has been approved. (ASG)  Maintenance of a comprehensive built asset database. (AM)  More effective financial planning and scenario analysis. (HoF)  Regular monitoring of Fit for the Future. (SMT)  Legal advice on projects. (SMT)  Projects drawn up within RIBA framework. (SMT)  Reserves used to smooth impact of fluctuations in income. (HoF)  Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT)  Completed.  Change Programme agreed in principle by Members at December Executive.  Proposals now proceed for consideration by Executive and then Council (CMT)  Proposals agreed.	Likelihood

# **Financial Management Risks (Cont.)**

8. Risk of not obtaining potential 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.

PWLB interest rate fluctuations and/or national policy change. More loss-making or subsidised services. Reduced income for the Housing Revenue Account that could compromise banking covenants.

Organisation illprepared 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 nonoperational asset base to be assessed. (DCE(BH)) DCN Income Generation and Commercialisation Review undertaken (HoF)

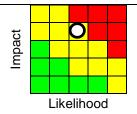
Feasibility of a commercial investment strategy, in the context of revised guidance on PWLB borrowing and the post-pandemic economic situation to be assessed and reported to Executive - DCX (BH)

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

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT) Completed.

Change Programme agreed in principle by Members at December Executive. Proposals now proceed for consideration by Executive and then Council (CMT) Proposals agreed.

Actively seeking Government funding in respect of financial implications of pandemic. (HoF) Lobbying continues via the LGA



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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/SMT) Monitoring of departmental procurement. (SMT) Procurement Strategy (incl. action plan). (HoF) Code of Procurement Practice and related documents updated. (HoF) Qualified internal procurement team. WCC 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

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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. Bureaucratic mistake. For example – Not seeking legal advice; not implementing it; simply getting delivery wrong e.g. sending out wrong email. Lack of appropriate resources. Major shock to the organisation due to a significant adverse national or international event.	External censure. Financial loss. Litigation. Financial sanctions/penalties Damage to reputation. Organisation ill- prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff.	Constitution. (DCE(AJ))  External legal advice. (DCE(AJ))  Ongoing monitoring of all Executive recommendations. (DCE(AJ))  Ongoing professional training. (SMT)  Implementation of arrangements to deal with GDPRs. (DCE(AJ))/SMT)  Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT)  Completed.	Likelihood
Information Management 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)) Monitoring of service plan and operational service reviews by SMT. (SMT)	Likelihood

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

### **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 illprepared to deal with impact on its assets Development of an Asset Strategy linked to Asset Database. (AM)

Corporate Asset Management Strategy and an accompanying Action Plan covering all General Fund and HRA assets has been developed.

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)

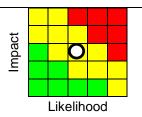
Inclusion of financing requirements within MTFS projections

Completion of the various elements of the Corporate Asset Management Strategy Action Plan (AM/HoH) Having appropriate structures to review compliance. 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. (HoF)

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 to be undertaken by a member Task & Finish Group with findings and a proposed action plan to be presented to Executive (CMT) Completed.



## **Emergency Response and Business Continuity Risks**

15. Risk of a major incident not responded to effectively.

Numerous causes including loss of ICT facilities/data, loss of staff, absence of effective BCP.

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

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.

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

Emergency plan reviewed every 6 months. (CMT)

Business continuity plan reviewed every 6 months. (CMT) MARIANNE TO PROVIDE

Ongoing training of councillors and  $\frac{1}{100}$  officers named in MEP. (HoH&CP)

Review of the MEP, named officers within MEP, associated SOPs. Gaps identification and appropriate updating. (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) (Development Services)

Review completed of business continuity plans for service areas. The priorities contained within those plans to be consolidated Councilwide. (HoH&CP)

ICT Business Continuity contract, inc. annual off-site rehearsal. (ICT)

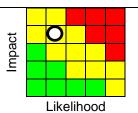
Perimeter network protection (Firewall, 2 Factor Authentication, Spam filter, Antivirus, etc.), including penetration testing. (ICT)

Backup and recovery procedures. (ICT)

Provision of Counter Terrorism training. (HoH&CP)

Installation of Network Intrusion Detection/Intrusion Prevention solution.

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Environmental Risks  16. 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.	Budgetary impacts. Service changes required if long recovery phase. Loss of reputation and external censure. Disruption to services. Public health issues. Y / Silure to adapt to 'New Normal' caused by 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. On the basis of further research which has now been completed the Council's 2030 climate change ambitions will be more closely defined – report to Cabinet in July 2021. This will form the basis for a more detailed and resourced action programme refresh which will enable the risk rating (likelihood)		
	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.		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. On the basis of further research - which has now been completed - the Council's 2030 climate change ambitions will be more closely defined - report to Cabinet in July 2021. This will form the basis for a more detailed and resourced action programme refresh which will	

## 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