# 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 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.	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. (SAMS SMT)  Securing additional resources to support existing service provision. (CMT)  Projects drawn up within RIBA framework. (SMT)	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.

Unplanned termination of contract by contractor.

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.

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)

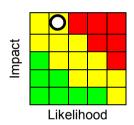
Launch of employee branding and recruitment package (July 2017) developed by Workforce Steering Group.

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

Enhanced Performance Management System (HoNS)

Project underway considering recruitment & retention, job evaluation procedure, "employee branding", impact of National Living Wage, Apprentices. Reports in due course to Employment Committee and Workforce Steering Group. (HR)

Corporate Workforce Steering Group project ongoing in respect of salary review, impact of National Living Wage, Apprentices. (HR Manager)



The objectives of the Workforce Steering Group relating to the 'Review of Salaries, Benefits and Recruitment' have now been progressed such that 'Likelihood' can be reduced from level 3 to level 2. (See covering report for further details.)

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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.	Reduced service levels.  Non or reduced achievement of objectives.  Adverse financial impacts.  Reputational damage.	Properly procured contracts. (SMT) Active contract management supported by appropriate legal support. (SAMS SMT) Business Continuity Plan. (SMT)	Likelihood
Corporate Governance Ris	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. (DCE(AJ))	Likelihood

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Human Resources Risks	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.	Link to People Strategy. (SMT) Subset of-Workforce Steering Group to audit skills training as Mandatory/EssentialDesirable. Assess corporate/service area training budgets to match short and long term needs. (HR Manager) Succession planning. (SMT)	to god with the control of the contr

Prioritisation of work. (SMT)

Appropriate use of external resources. (SMT)

#### **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. (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)
Prosperity Agenda prioritised within Council aspirations and resources aligned to support delivery. (CMT)

Code of Financial Practice Training. (HoF)
Plan in place to make savings as to meet the
anticipated budget shortfall. (HoF/SMT)
Leisure Development Programme regarding
investment and management arrangements
now completed. (HoCS/CMT)

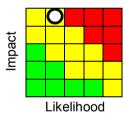
New FFF programme agreed by Members. (CMT)

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

Complete business case for HQ relocation. (DCE(BH)) Will know Mon 26
June HoF. Updated as follows:

Completion of the Relocation Project Phase 1 investigation work by the LLP to enable the Council to agree to move to Phase 2 – project delivery (DCE(BH))

Efficiency Plan agreed with DCLG. (HoF/CMT)



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Financial Management 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.	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.	Fit for the Future change programme. (CMT) Project Risk Registers. (SMT) Project Management. (SMT) Asset Management Strategy. (DCE(BH)) 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)	Likelihood

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Financial Management Risks (Cont.)					
8. Risk of not investigating potential income sources.	Ineffective management. Complacency. Lack of resources to investigate. Other priorities.	More loss-making or subsidised services. Reduced income for the Housing Revenue Account that could compromise banking covenants.	Effective fees and charges schemes. (HoF) Communications & Marketing Strategy. (SAMS 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 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)) Updated as follows: Ongoing engagement with the CWLEP to ensure future funding opportunities are understood and assessed. (CMT) Adopt new Local Plan. (Members) Engagement of external partner to assess opportunities to remodel the Council's non-operational asset base (DCE(BH))	Likelihood	

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Procurement Risks				
9. Risk of improper procurement practices and	Weak governance arrangements.	Reduced levels of service provision.	Codes of Financial Practice and Procurement Practice. (HoF)	
legislative requirements not being complied with.	Ineffective procurement.	Increased costs.	Training of staff. (HoF/SMT)	

Monitoring of departmental

Procurement Strategy (incl. action

Code of Procurement Practice and related documents updated. (HoF)

WCC Procurement Team and WCC Legal Team providing additional support and expertise. (SMT)

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Likelihood

procurement. (SMT)

plan). (HoF)

Fines/penalties imposed.

Poor procurement function.

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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	Required outcomes not achieved. Increased costs. Reduced level of service or failure to deliver service.	Ongoing scrutiny of partnerships. (DCE(AJ)) Normal management arrangements. (SAMS SMT) Partnership checklists. (DCE(AJ))/SMT) Annual healthcheck completed by senior officers. (DCE(AJ))/SMT) Scrutiny committee regular review. (DCE(AJ)) Audit of partnership arrangements. (DCE(AJ)) Project Groups for significant services. (SMT) Involvement in and engagement with existing sub-regional partnerships such as CWLEP. (CMT)	Likelihood
Legal Risks		T		
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.	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)	To be defined to

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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.	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)) Remediation action being taken through re-formed ICT Steering Group. (SMT) Updated as follows: 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))	Likelihood

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Information Management Risks (Cont.)							
13. Risk of failure to protect information assets from a malicious cyber attack	Lack of staff training and awareness.  Poor or ineffective countermeasures.  Ineffective incident response plans.  Inadequate penetration testing regime.	Reputational damage. Lost productivity. Recovery costs. Potential fines (ICO).	CESG approved penetration tests. (DCE(AJ)) Patch Management Policy. (DCE(AJ)) Anti-malware software, plus next generation AV- Intercept X. (DCE(AJ)) Anti-malware strategy. (DCE(AJ)) Anti-malware risk log. (DCE(AJ)) Incident Management Policy & Procedure. (DCE(AJ)) Major Virus Response Procedure. (DCE(AJ)) Electronic Information Backup Policy. (DCE(AJ)) Introduction of multiple fileservers to reduce target exposure and to speed up recovery (DCE(AJ)) Introduction of temporary web site in the event of a major outage, reducing reputational damage. (DCE (AJ)) Staff training. (DCE(AJ)) Proposal for Phishing training to be brought to ICTSG Next generation AV, including Intercepting Ransomware in place. (DCE(AJ)) National Cyber security check now in place. (DCE(AJ)) Intrusion detection. (DCE(AJ))	Likelihood  It is now considered that the Likelihood score was initially overrated. The likelihood of the risk materialising is still high but not certain as was suggested originally by assessing it at level 5 for Likelihood.			

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Asset Management Risks  14. 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.		Development of an New Asset Management Strategy developed linked to Asset Database. (DCE(BH))  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 Assets Manager. (PAM)  The role and function of this group reviewed as part of the Assets Team redesign (DCE(BH))  Improvements to be made to end to end systems to manage electrical testing, asbestos management fire safety, and gas servicing and Legionella Disease monitoring through the Assets Team re-design. (DCE(BH)) (PMH)  Remodelling of Housing Investment Programme based on Completion of HRA stock condition survey. (AM/DCE (BH))	
			Completion of viability assessment review at end of Relocation Project Phase 1 work being undertaken by the LLP and confirmation of allocation of funding for the new Covent Garden MSCP (DCE(BH))  Completion of review of the corporate asset planned maintenance programme's next 5-year tranche for corporate assets. (DCE(BH))  Preparation of Option Appraisal and Business Cases for future investment in the Linen Street MSCP replacement. (HoNS)  Ongoing review through re-established Corporate Compliance Group. (HoH&CP)  Corporate Fire Safety Group has been established to review safety procedures in the HRA multi-storey properties (DCE(BH))	

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

15. 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.

In terms of cyberattacks, the Council does not currently operate an automated Intrusion Detection System (IDS) / Intrusion Prevention System (IPS). 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) Updated as follows:

Training to be provided to councillors and to 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)

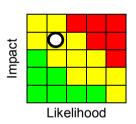
Review of business continuity plans for service areas. Council wide consolidation of the priorities contained within those plans. (HoH&CP)

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)

Adoption of ntrusion Detection System (IDS) / Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) is currently being investigated as part of the firewall upgrade scheduled for 2016/17. (ICT)



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<b>Environmental Risks</b>				
16. 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.	Sustainability Action Plan. (HoH&CP)	Likelihood
Planning Risks				
17. Local Plan not adopted.	Legal challenge. Failure to support Inspector's report leading to full Council not adopting the Plan. Sub Regional Housing Allocation not addressed.	Reduced or non-achievement of objectives.  Adverse financial impacts such as failure to set the Community Infrastructure Levy, loss of New Homes Bonus, Reputational damage.  Possible legal action for damages.  Development not where required.  Wasted resources involve in reworking the Local Plan and increased costs.  Additional work.  Reduction in investment in area.  Increase in appeals.  Risk of insufficient Infrastructure Funding.  Impact on Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) objectives.	Continue to seek legal advice on processes up until plan is adopted. Keep members informed of Inspector's conclusions and ensure the reasons for these are understood. Ensure effective Duty to Cooperate—MoU agreed by all councils in the subregion except N&BBC.	tikelihood

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Residual Risk

#### Key:

## **New narrative**

## Narrative transferred

#### Deleted narrative

#### Comment

\$ = Current risk score

etc = Previous risk scores

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CMT : Corporate Management Team SMT : Senior Management Team

CE : Chief Executive

DCE(AJ) : Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer – Andrew Jones

DCE(BH) : Deputy Chief Executive – Bill Hunt HoF : Head of Finance (and S151 Officer) HoDS : Head of Development Services

HoH&CP : Head of Health & Community Protection

HoNS : Head of Neighbourhood Services

HoH&PS : Head of Housing & Property Services

HoH : Head of Housing
AM : Assets Manager

HoCS : Head of Cultural Services

HR : Human Resources & Organisational Development Manager

ICT : ICT Manager