Significant Business Risk Register

Risk Description	Possible Triggers	Possible Consequences	Risk Mitigation / Control / Future Action (in bold)	Residual Risk Rating
Performance Managemer	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. 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.	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) Business Strategy agreed by Members and appropriately managed (CMT). Commercial investment strategy to be developed 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 with an action plan to be put in place (CMT) Change Programme being discussed with Members leading to a December Executive report. (CMT)	Likelihood Likeli

Performance Management Risks (Cont.)

2. Risk of sustained service quality reduction.

Risk Description

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 re-procuring contract, including legal fees.

Loss of New Homes Bonus.

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

Organisation ill-prepared 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)

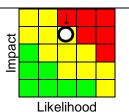
Workforce Planning. (SMT)

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

Enhanced Performance Management System. (SMT)

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)

Change Programme being discussed with Members leading to a December Executive report. (CMT)



Initial turmoil caused by the pandemic has now given way to a more business-asusual operation, albeit resources are significantly stretched. Consequently, detailed discussions have commenced with Members about the next stage of the change programme.

Performance Management 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

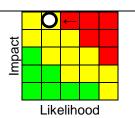
Properly procured contracts. (SMT) Active contract management supported by appropriate legal

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 with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



The Council's proactive approach to engagement with contractors has reduced the risk of contract failure.

Corporate Governance Risks

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 memberofficer relationships.

Election of new members that may lack relevant experience and/or knowledge of local government.

Delays in making decisions due to no overall political control.

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

Breakdown in internal controls leading to: nonachievement of objectives; high volumes of staff, customer, and contractor fraud; and loss of reputation. Decision-making open to less officer and member scrutiny. Decision-making postponed as organisation is not properly prepared.

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)) Local Code of Corporate Governance adopted. (DCE(AJ))

CMT/Group Leaders meetings.

Governance review being undertaken involving all Council Members - September 2020.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)

Impact Likelihood

The Council has put in place comprehensive virtual meeting arrangements and also established **Programme Advisory Boards for greater** Councillor involvement.

Human Resources Risk						
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. Unable to meet statutory requirements. The potential of staff is not fulfilled.	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 (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.

Unexpected loss of income and/ or increase in expenditure.

FFF Projects do not achieve sufficient savings.

Reset of Revenue Grant.

Business Rate Retention.

Council Tax income base reducing.

National Economy declines. Local economy declines

Tightening of Government fiscal

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 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

Inability to agree suitable funding proposals to allow the HO 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

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).

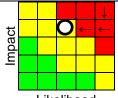
Commercial investment strategy to be developed and reported to Executive - DCX

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

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)

Budget Review Report to be considered at September Executive (HoF)

Change Programme being discussed with **Members leading to a December Executive** report. (CMT)



Likelihood

Initial turmoil caused by the pandemic has now given way to a more business-as-usual operation, albeit resources are significantly stretched. Consequently, detailed discussions have commenced with Members about the next stage of the change programme.

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.

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)

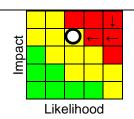
Legal advice on projects. (SMT)

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 with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)

Change Programme being discussed with Members leading to a December Executive report. (CMT)



Although the trajectory of the pandemic is uncertain, the Council is reviewing its change programme to ensure it is as prepared as it can be for any further financial impacts caused by the virus.

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

More loss-making or subsidised services.

Reduced income for the Housing Revenue Account that could compromise banking covenants.

Organisation ill-prepared 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)

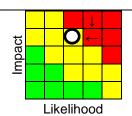
Ongoing engagement with the CWLEP to ensure future funding opportunities are understood and assessed. (CMT) Engagement of appropriate advice to enable opportunities to remodel the Council's non-operational asset base to be assessed. (DCE(BH))

DCN Income Generation and Commercialisation Review undertaken (HoF)

Commercial investment strategy to be developed 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 with an action plan to
be put in place (CMT)

Change Programme being discussed with Members leading to a December Executive report. (CMT)



Initial upheaval caused by the pandemic has now given way to a more business-as-usual operation, albeit resources are significantly stretched. Consequently, detailed discussions have commenced with Members about the next stage of the change programme.

Procurement Risks 9. Risk of improper Weak governance Reduced levels of service Codes of Financial Practice and procurement practices and arrangements. Procurement Practice. (HoF) provision. legislative requirements Impact Increased costs. Ineffective procurement. Training of staff. (HoF/SMT) not being complied with. Monitoring of departmental Poor procurement Fines/penalties imposed. function. procurement. (SMT) Procurement Strategy (incl. action Likelihood plan). (HoF) Code of Procurement Practice and related documents updated. (HoF) WCC Procurement Team and WCC Legal Team providing additional support and expertise. (SMT) **Partnership Risks** Normal management arrangements. Poor management. Failure Required outcomes not 10. Risk of partnerships not (SAMS SMT) O delivering stated objectives. to apply a robust process for achieved. Impact entering into partnerships. Project Groups for significant services. Increased costs. (SMT) Lack of framework Reduced level of service or Involvement in and engagement with governing partnerships. failure to deliver service. existing sub-regional partnerships Existing sub-regional Likelihood Partnership ill-prepared to such as CWLEP. (CMT) partnerships disrupted or deal with impact on its Partnership arrangements to review disbanded as a consequence objectives impact of pandemic and consider if of the regional focus **Evidence suggests** any specific actions are required. resulting from the that the Council's (SMT) announcement of the West partnership Midlands Combined arrangements have Authority remained strong Major shock to the despite the impact partnership due to a of the pandemic. significant adverse national or international event

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.

Possible Triggers

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))

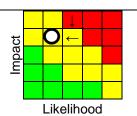
External legal advice. (DCE(AJ))

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 with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



Initial concerns raised by the pandemic have not come to fruition and the Council has been able to with legislative requirements including those announced at short notice.

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 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		

Information Management Risks (Cont.)

13. Risk of failure to protect information assets from malicious cyberattack.

Lack of staff training and awareness.

Poor or ineffective countermeasures.

Ineffective incident response plans.

Inadequate penetration testing regime.

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

Reputational damage.

Lost productivity.

Recovery costs.

Potential fines (ICO).

Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on ICT systems

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)

e-learning solution (DCE (AJ)

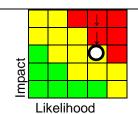
Next generation AV, including Intercepting Ransomware in place. (DCE(AJ))

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 with an action plan to be put in place. (CMT)



Initial concerns raised by the pandemic have not come to fruition and officers feel able to return the risk rating to its previous position.

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 ill-prepared 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)

Review of the corporate asset planned maintenance programme's next 5-year tranche. (AM)

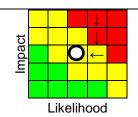
Completion of the various elements of the Corporate Asset Management Strategy Action Plan (AM/HoH)

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 (A)) 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 with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



Initial concerns raised by the pandemic have not come to fruition and officers feel able to return the risk rating to its previous position.

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)

Ongoing training of 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 completed of business continuity plans for service areas. The priorities contained within those plans to be consolidated Council-wide. (HoH&CP)

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

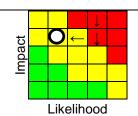
Perimeter network protection (Firewall, 2 Factor Authentication, Spam filter, Antivirus, etc.), including penetration testing. (ICT)

Backup and recovery procedures. (ICT) $\,$

Provision of Counter Terrorism training. (HoH&CP)

Installation of Network Intrusion
Detection/Intrusion Prevention solution.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



Evidence suggests that the Council was able to respond effectively to the pandemic although the comprehensive review will test this further. At this point in time officers consider that the risk rating can be returned to its previous position.

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.

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.

Budgetary impacts.

Service changes required if long recovery phase.

Loss of reputation and external censure.

Disruption to services.

Public health issues.

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

Political consequences.

Organisation ill-prepared to deal with impact on finances, service delivery and staff.

Actions included in Sustainability Action Plan. (HoH&CP) e.g. electric vehicles, agile working arrangements, recycling, plastics policy, etc.

Delivery of Business Strategy 2019-2023 and delivery of 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)

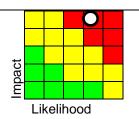
Climate Change Action Plan to be reviewed in light of postponed referendum. (PDCC)

Procurement of professional consultancy support. (SMT)

Report on Year 1 of Climate Change Action Plan.

Climate Change Director appointed.

Comprehensive review of the organisation's response to the pandemic with an action plan to be put in place (CMT)



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