






Corporate Risks following review by Corporate Board 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013


Risk Ref	The Risk	Risk Rating	Risk Owner	Mitigating Controls	Status since last report 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2013
<b>ORG0001</b>	Single Status. Failure to complete appeals by end of September 2013 and potential cost implications of successful appeals and/or equal pay settlements	<b>Significant</b>	<b>John Millar</b>	Specialist legal advice and support in relation to equal Pay litigation <b>Philip Tart</b>  Corporate Board to receive reports as each division Stage 3 is completed to review if additional resources needed <b>John Millar</b>  Communications with employees to confirm need to prepare for Stage 3 hearing when appeal submitted <b>Teresa Reilly</b>  Corporate Board release managers and union representatives as required for Panels <b>John Millar</b>	

<p><b>ORG0002</b></p>	<p>The Council may be unable to set and/or manage its budget so as to meet its statutory obligations within the resources available.</p>	<p><b>Major</b></p>	<p><b>Iain Newman</b></p>	<p>Corporate Board. to operate as a programme board for the delivery of transformation including alternative service delivery models.  <b>John Polychronakis</b></p> <p>Business Rates Localisation - financial planning in conjunction with accountants  <b>Ian Wollaston</b></p> <p>FMMR meetings with budget holders and directorate management teams  <b>Jan Szczechowski</b></p> <p>Finance representation on working groups  <b>Jan Szczechowski</b></p> <p>General and working capital reserves  <b>Jan Szczechowski</b></p> <p>Budget review proformas for completion by directorates  <b>Jan Szczechowski</b></p> <p>Financial reporting to members  Budget, FMMR, Finance paragraphs in non-financial report  <b>Jan Szczechowski</b></p> <p>Longer term budget prioritisation  IN will advise on work being undertaken to prioritise spend areas and review in the context of statutory functions  <b>Iain Newman</b></p>	
<p><b>ORG0003</b></p>	<p>Carbon reduction targets not achieved  There is an absolute risk to the environment and the Council risks incurring fines for non compliance.</p>	<p><b>Major</b></p>	<p><b>Phillip Tart</b></p>	<p>CRC Operational Group (to ensure compliance in future years)  <b>Steve Cooper</b></p> <p>Low Carbon Management Plan (to deliver actions within plan)  <b>Steve Cooper</b></p> <p>CRC Performance Management Framework (to monitor and manage performance)  <b>Steve Cooper</b></p>	

<b>ORG0007</b>	Corporate Property Review There is a risk that the Council fails to vacate sites in a timely manner and is unable to release sites to the LLP for disposal in accordance with the development agreement, resulting in financial consequences detrimental to the Council	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Phillip Tart</b>	Detail project/partnership underway incorporating Corporate Property and the LLP <b>Steve Cooper</b>	●
<b>ORG0011</b>	Community Cohesion There is a risk that high profile local issues may adversely affect community cohesion	<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Andrea Pope-Smith</b>	To understand and engage with local community dynamics and identify potential for actual tensions <b>Rosina Ottewell</b>  Minimise potential negative effects of tension, prevent escalation and reduce conflict <b>Rosina Ottewell</b>  Implementation of Hate Crime Strategy <b>Rosina Attwell</b>	●
<b>ORG0013</b>	Information Governance: The Council may fail to; assess the importance of information to the business and may be unaware of the potential impact on the organisation should the confidentiality, integrity or availability of information be compromised.	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Iain Newman</b>	Information asset owners identified /named for each information asset (CORA40020) Ongoing activity as part of Information Governance Strategy. <b>Lewis Bourne</b>  Key information assets across the organisation identified and classified with Protective Marking System (CORA40020) Activity ongoing as part of the Corporate Information Governance Strategy. <b>Lewis Bourne</b>  A structure consisting of a Board level Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) in place. (CORA40020) <b>Lewis Bourne</b>  Information asset owners responsible for completion of a self assessment Data Protection Compliance checklist (CORA40020) Activity ongoing as part of Corporate Information Governance Strategy. <b>Lewis Bourne</b>	●

<p><b>ORG0017</b></p>	<p>Welfare reform/s - There is a risk that various changes to welfare and benefits due in 2013 could place people at risk and increase pressures on statutory services</p>	<p><b>Significant</b></p>	<p><b>Philip Tart</b></p>	<p>Welfare Reform Project Board in place to monitor actions and outcome.  The existing 'officer' Project Board is to be replaced with a Board to include Members. The intention is to give more of a strategic lead as well as monitoring. The timescales for the introduction of universal credit are subject to change. The impact of Welfare Reform on housing has also been subject to scrutiny by the DACHs Scrutiny Committee.  Increased provision for bad debt (Housing related in this instance)  <b>Diane Channings</b></p> <p>Bad Debt Provision - review date 31/1/14 to coincide with budget report to Feb cabinet.  Mitigating factors:  Corporate TORCh project looking at location and nature of customer contact points in order to improve engagement with welfare customers, in particular those who are our tenants.  DHP (Discretionary Housing Payments) scheme.  Welfare Assistance scheme  Project team and specific task and finish groups, working to Project Board.  Work with other agencies - add work with Credit Union (Castle and Crystal) to develop jam jar accounts for rent payments when Universal Credit is introduced.  Planning to run a pilot for tenants on partial benefit from April 2014.  <b>Diane Channings</b>  Reviewing use of Discretionary Housing Payments in line with new guidance  <b>Mike N Williams</b></p> <p>Local Welfare Assistance/Members Steering Group in place a replacement scheme for DWP Social Fund  <b>Mike N Williams</b>  Joint working with third sector and other external internal partners to identify and support people affected by changes.  <b>Mike N Williams</b></p>	
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				Increase & diversify housing stock to mitigate effects of spare room subsidy Ron Sims	
<b>ORG0019</b>	The Council acknowledges that there is a risk of fraud across all areas of its operations and is working both internally and with external partners to prevent and reduce this risk.	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Iain Newman</b>	<p>Detailed fraud risk register is held within Audit Services which is reviewed on a quarterly basis. <b>Les Bradshaw</b></p> <p>Data matching exercises undertaken. <b>Les Bradshaw</b></p> <p>Audit Services has detailed work programme Audit Services have a programme of work where the areas of fraud on the fraud risk register are reviewed with relevant staff / departments to examine controls in place to prevent and detect fraud. <b>Les Bradshaw</b></p>	

<p><b>ORG0021</b></p>	<p>There are several external factors, such as the economic climate, partner re-organisation and increasing complexity of abuse, which are impacting upon the Directorate of Children's Services ability to minimise, and militate against, the risks to children and young people, particularly those vulnerable to harm. At a time when the Directorate's budget is reducing, the level of need, and consequently demand for, the range of services from early help through to protecting children and young people who are being abused or neglected continues to rise.</p>	<p><b>Major</b></p>	<p><b>Jane Porter</b></p>	<p>Development of early intervention services  In managing budget reductions the senior leadership team of the Directorate are seeking to maintain services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. Furthermore we are seeking to develop services which will enable early help with families so that young people are not placed at risk. Where possible we have also sought to create more capacity within our management structure to maintain the momentum of service improvements including work with partners.  <b>Ian McGuff</b></p> <p>DSLIT prioritises spend and manages budgets to ensure children are safe from harm and neglect  In managing budget reductions the senior leadership team of the Directorate are seeking to protect those services which are chiefly responsible for keeping children safe from harm and neglect.  <b>Ian McGuff</b></p> <p>Optimise management structures to ensure service improvements are maintained  In managing budget reductions the senior leadership team of the Directorate are seeking to protect those services which are chiefly responsible for keeping children safe from harm and neglect. Furthermore we are seeking to develop services which will enable early intervention with families so that young people are not placed at risk. Where possible we have also sought to create more capacity within our management structure to maintain momentum with service improvements.  <b>Ian McGuff</b></p>	
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<b>ORG0022</b>	Failure to achieve compliance with the Public Service Network	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Iain Newman</b>	<p>Project Team is overseeing. <b>Lance Cartwright</b></p> <p>Traffic Light progress monitoring system in place <b>Lance Cartwright</b></p> <p>Regular reporting to Corporate Board and top priority <b>Lance Cartwright</b></p> <p>Communication strategy to the business (Council wide) <b>Lance Cartwright</b></p> <p>SOCITM - national working party involvement <b>Lance Cartwright</b></p>	<b>New</b>
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**Risk rating** is a combination of impact and likelihood

**Status** should reflect risk history.

**Status key:** ▲ Worsening ● Stable \* Improving