

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**AUDIT & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 25 JULY 2019**

**RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATES**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

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(The report is for information)

**1. PURPOSE**

To update the Committee on the changes to the Council's Corporate Risk Register at the end of Q4

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee notes the updates to the Council's Corporate Risk Register

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. A Shared Risk Management Group for West Oxfordshire District Council and Cotswold District Council has been in place since 2015, and was extended to include Forest of Dean District Council in October 2018.
- 3.2. The SRMG comprises Senior Managers from the three Councils, both retained staff and Publica staff; many of them are shared across all three partner Councils which makes the overall management of risks more time efficient and effective. This approach does not affect what is presented to the Committee or the robust nature of how risk is assessed and managed.
- 3.3. Corporate risks are assessed and updated by the accountable officers, and then reviewed by the SRMG.
- 3.4. On 30th April 2019, the SRMG reviewed the updates to the partner Councils' corporate risk registers. Some risks, in particular those which have a financial impact have since been revised to reflect information that became available during May. The Group also has oversight of Publica's strategic risk register and high scoring risks from the Transformation Programme risk register. The risk registers, when considered together provides the group with an overview of risks across the organisations, and therefore enables risks to be managed more effectively.
- 3.5. Due to scheduling arrangements, there has been insufficient time to complete the risk updates for Q1 prior to this meeting.
- 3.6. The updated corporate risk register at the end of Q4 is attached at Appendix A.

**4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

Not applicable.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications

## **6. REASONS**

To provide assurance to the Committee that risks to the Council are being managed and appropriate actions are being taken to mitigate risk

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