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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 25 July 2024</b>
Subject	<b>STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER</b>
Wards affected	<b>ALL</b>
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Summary/Purpose	The report brings to members the current version of the Strategic Risk Register for information and assurance that risks to the Council are being managed and appropriate actions are being taken to mitigate risk.
Annexes	Annex A – Strategic Risk Register
Recommendation(s)	That the Audit and Governance Committee resolves to: I. Note the strategic risk register.
Corporate priorities	All
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	N/A

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The strategic risk register is presented to the Audit and Governance Committee to provide assurance that risks to the Council are being managed and appropriate actions are being taken to mitigate risk.
- 1.2 Presentation of the risk register also provides an opportunity for members of the Audit Committee to raise questions and highlight any risks which they feel should be referenced and mitigated.

## 2. RISK REGISTER

- 2.1 All updates to the commentary since the March Audit and Governance Committee are shown in red, along with a direction of travel column, which shows if the risk has either increased / red (got worse), decreased / green (reduced in risk) or stayed the same since the last time it was reported to Audit Committee.
- 2.2 Two new risks have been added since the last report to Audit and Governance Committee, these include:

**ER5 General Election.** This was added when the general election was announced for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to ensure this was managed effectively. This risk will now be closed and removed from the Strategic Risk register.

**ER6 Diddly Squat.** This risk was added in preparation for the release of series 3 and the potential impact this may have on the council and its employees in Publica. A project team was established to monitor and manage any potential impact.

- 2.3 One risk has been increased since the last report:

**SR2 Major Civil Emergency:** the transition of services from Publica to the councils is having an immediate impact on the emergency call out arrangements, where critical employees are no longer with the business. It is expected that there will be further impact, and therefore proposals are being reviewed for current and future mitigation.

- 2.4 There were no further changes to the risk register except for updates which are shown in red.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

**5. RISK ASSESSMENT**

5.1 This report relates to the Council's management of risk and identifies the current strategic risks, as such no separate risk assessment has been completed.

**6. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

6.1 An equalities impact assessment is not required for this report.

**7. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no climate or ecological emergency implications arising directly from this report.

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.