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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2026.</b>
Subject	<b>STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER</b>
Wards affected	All
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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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approve the changes made to the Risk Register as outlined in section 2 of this report.</li><li>2. Note the contents of the report and annex.</li></ol>
Corporate priorities	All
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Senior Leadership Team – the Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Governance & Regulatory Services and Director of Place on a monthly basis and Informal Executive on a quarterly basis.

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The strategic risk register is presented to the Audit and Governance Committee ('the 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 Committee to raise questions and highlight any risks which they feel should be referenced and mitigated.

## 2. RISK REGISTER

- 2.1 The Risk Register is reviewed monthly by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). All updates to the commentary since the last review in June 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 SLT.
- 2.2 In this summary, the most significant updates this month include the recommendation to remove the following risks:

**IR7 Embedding of services which have transitioned under Council delivery and management:** With the transfer of services now fully integrated into the Council, it is proposed that this risk is removed, reflecting the completion of transition activities.

**ER4 Refugees/Asylum Seekers:** Following the closure of the refugee hotel in Witney on 27 May 2026, responsibility for relocating individuals without confirmed status, transfers entirely to the Home Office. As the Council no longer has any operational involvement, it is proposed that this risk be removed, reflecting the cessation of local accountability.

**ER2 Global Pandemic & SRI Major Civil Emergency:** It is proposed that these risks be consolidated into a single external risk category (ER2), to be renamed **Global Events**. This change broadens the scope of the risk to capture both current and emerging global disruptions, ensuring more comprehensive coverage and forward-looking risk management.

- 2.3 There were no further changes to the risk register except for updates which are shown in red or strike through.

## 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