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Name and date of Committee	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 23 November 2022
Report Number	Agenda Item No. 10
Subject	STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	This report brings to members the current version of the Council's Strategic Risk Register for information.
Annexes	Annex A – Strategic Risk Register
Recommendation	That the Strategic Risk Register be noted.
Corporate priorities (currently subject to consultation and review)	The Strategic Risk Register is designed to provide assurance to the Committee that strategic risks to the Council are being managed and appropriate actions are being taken to mitigate risk in support of all the Council's priorities.
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	The Strategic Risk Register has been shared with statutory officers and senior managers.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The register of strategic risks is presented to meetings of the Audit and Governance Committee at least four times a year.

2. RISK REGISTER

- 2.1 The Strategic risk register is set out in Annex A. The main changes to the register since it last came before the Committee in June 2022 are:

- 2.1.1 **WO-013 Legislative changes:** This risk has been closed. It was felt to be too general and any strategic risks would be better linked to specific new legislation whenever that may come forward.

- 2.1.2 **WO-039 Local Plan housing requirement:** The likelihood of this risk has increased. Officers are working to update the Council's five year housing land supply to mitigate this risk.

- 2.1.3 **WO-036 Procurement:** This risk has decreased in likelihood as the new Procurement and Contract Management Strategy has been approved by this Committee and will go forward to the Cabinet for final approval in the new year.

- 2.1.4 **WO-041 Leisure Services (reduced users post-pandemic):** The likelihood of this risk has increased as rising utilities costs affect financial performance.

- 2.1.5 **WO-042 Pay award:** This risk has increased in both impact and likelihood as the annual pay award for 2022-23 has now been agreed by the Trade Unions and is being paid to staff this month. The cost of the settlement – a flat rate of £1,925 for all pay scales – is above the originally budgeted 2.3% of the pay bill.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 None.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 6.1 None.

7. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The following documents have been identified by the author of the report in accordance with section 100D.5(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and are listed in accordance with section 100 D.1(a) for inspection by members of the public:

- Previous version of West Oxfordshire District Council Strategic Risk Register presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 30 June 2022.

8.2 These documents will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at Woodgreen, Witney during normal office hours for a period of up to 4 years from the date of the meeting.