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Name and date of Committee	<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 30 MARCH 2023</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)	<i>That the Strategic Risk Register be noted.</i>
Corporate priorities	All
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	N/A

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The strategic risk register is presented to each meeting of the Audit 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 The main changes to the register since it was last reported to the Audit and Governance Committee are:

- WO-037 Government Funding. This risk has been reduced as there is now more certainty around funding for 2023/24 and 2024/25, however, the picture after this is still unknown and therefore the risk may increase as we near this uncertainty.
- WO-008 Cyber Security. The risk has been reassessed as the impact of a successful cyber-attack would be significant, however, the likelihood of this happening due to the controls which are being put in place, remains unchanged.
- WO-042 Pay Award. This risk now reflects the negotiations for the 23/24 pay award. The employers' organisation has made an offer for 2023-24. Trade Unions have currently rejected this offer and are proposing a ballot to Union Members.
- WO-43 Inflation. This risk has been added to the Strategic Risk register to capture the increased costs in areas such as building, fuel, wage costs and utilities. This risk is also captured on the Publica Risk Register and FODDC.

## **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** 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 the West Oxfordshire District Council Strategic Risk Register presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 23 November 2022.

These documents will be available for inspection online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk) or by contacting democratic services [democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@westoxon.gov.uk) for a period of up to 4 years from the date of the meeting.