

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Risk Management Strategy Annual Progress Report 2016 - 17</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>7 March 2017</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Lead Officer - Strategy Governance &amp; Law</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The Risk Management Strategy 2014-2017 set out the Risk Management Programme by year to detail proposed actions over the three year period. This report details progress made on the Risk Management Programme 2016-17 against the identified measures as the Committee has a role to monitor the effectiveness of risk management.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Committee:

- 2.1 Note Appendix 1 which provides a summary of progress made in 2016/17.
- 2.2 Having considered the appendix and any clarification comments from the Risk Owner, the Committee make any recommendations it considers appropriate to the relevant council body.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 As the Risk Management Strategy 2014-17 covered a three year period, the Audit & Standards Committee received a report on progress made during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16. This is the last year that it is reported. This is because the more active Corporate Risk Assurance Framework (CRAF), underpinned by the Risk Management Process, replaces the Risk Management Strategy as outlined in the CRAF report presented to the Audit & Standards Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The CRAF will be reported annually to the Audit & Standards Committee.
- 3.2 The Risk Management Strategy 2014-2017 set out how risk management will seek to achieve objectives in the following key areas:
1. Modernising the Council by using risk management
  2. Enable a risk aware culture which manages risks and takes up opportunities

3. Continually improve and embed risk management into the existing processes of the council
4. Work to increase the capability of services to plan for unexpected events; meet services' expectations; and manage business activities.

3.3 Many aspects of the Risk Management Strategy 2014 – 17 have been achieved, as reported last year. Where there are further updates on already achieved aspects, a summary of further progress has been provided. For aspects which were partially achieved, the appendix provides details of further work planned by services to address these.

#### **4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 The Committee has a role to monitor the effectiveness of risk management

#### **5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

5.1 Not applicable.

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

6.1 That the report be noted.

#### **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

7.1 The Risk Management Strategy, now the CRAF, assists the authority in complying with Corporate Governance Standards and contributes to the authority's control and risk management arrangements for the Annual Governance Statement within the Financial Statements. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates*

*Date: 06/02/2017*

##### Legal Implications:

7.2 It is a core function of the Committee to provide assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the council's Corporate Risk Assurance Framework and associated control environment. Scrutiny and examination of progress against the Risk Management Strategy Programme is a legitimate exercise of that function.

*Lawyer Consulted: Victoria Simpson*

*Date: 24/01/2017*

##### Equalities Implications:

7.3 None

##### Sustainability Implications:

7.4 None

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.5 None

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Annual Progress 2016-17 in delivery of the Risk Management Strategy.

**Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None.

**Background Documents**

1. Risk Management Strategy 2014-17.

