

Subject:	Risk Management Programmes - 2011/12 (Outcome) and 2012/13 (Planned)		
Date of Meeting:	26 June 2012		
Report of:	Director of Finance		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The approved Risk Management Strategy 2012 sets out the role of the Audit & Standards Committee (previously the Audit & Standards Committee) in relation to risk management including to receive “reports on risk management arrangement, Risk Management Programme and progress”.
- 1.2 This report provides an annual report of progress against the approved annual Risk Management Programme 2011/12 to help inform the Audit & Standards Committee’s opinion on the effectiveness of risk management and internal control.
- 1.3 The proposed Risk Management programme detailing actions in 2012/13 is submitted for approval.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Audit & Standards Committee note progress against the annual Risk Management programme 2011/12 (appendix 1).
- 2.2 That the Audit & Standards Committee approve the annual Risk Management programme 2012/13 (appendix 2).

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 In February 2012 Cabinet approved a new “Risk Management Strategy for 2012”. This was reported to the Audit Committee for information on 21 February 2012.
- 3.2 The Risk Management Strategy sets out the role of the Audit & Standards Committee (previously the Audit Committee) as to “Ensure independent assurance of the adequacy of Risk Management and the associated control environment”.

- 3.3. There are a number of ways in which the Audit & Standards Committee fulfil their role, chiefly these are to:
- (i) At least annually receive the strategic risk register, and reports on risk management arrangements, risk management programme and progress
 - (ii) Where it considers it appropriate, make recommendations to the Council's elected Member Leadership Group, now confirmed as Policy & Resources Committee
 - (iii) Engage in Risk Management to increase their knowledge and understanding
- 3.4. Risk Management approaches and work are co-ordinated by the Risk Manager. The annual risk management programme influences her daily work which is agreed with and monitored by the Head of Audit & Business Risk.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Risk Management Strategy and the Risk Management methodology have been consulted upon internally, and are shared with external bodies, e.g. national health organisations and other statutory partners in the city.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Effective Risk Management of risks, which affect the council's successful achievement of its objectives, ensures that all potential financial impacts are properly considered and that likely financial outcomes are reflected in medium term financial plans and budget strategies, which are continually updated to reflect changing assumptions and likelihood of risk. The Risk Management Programme raises awareness of risks and supports forward planning.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 30/05/12

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. Consideration of the council's Risk Management arrangements is one of the functions of the Audit & Standards Committee, and approving the risk management programme for 2012/13 (see recommendation 2.2 above) is therefore within its remit.

Lawyer Consulted:

Oliver Dixon

Date: 29/05/12

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are no direct implications. The council's operating model puts customers at the heart of our activities. The Risk Management methodology includes consideration of and a process to manage equalities implications.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Sustainability means protecting and enhancing the environment, meeting social needs and promoting economic success and risk management will be applied to each of these.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no direct Crime & Disorder implications.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Reporting of the Risk Management Annual Report 2011/12 and Risk Management Programme 2012/13 is one of the ways to provide information on, and improve the quality and consistency of, the risk management of the council's activities.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 The Risk Management methodology accords with that used by the NHS and is used to inform public health decision making and projects.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 There are no direct citywide implications but the council's Risk Manager will work with risk management representatives of other statutory partners in the city, as detailed in Risk Management programme in 2012/13.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Progress against the Risk Management Programme 2011/12.
2. Annual Risk Management programme 2012/13.

Documents in Members' Rooms

None.

Background Documents

1. Brighton & Hove City Council's Risk Management Strategy 2012.

