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Title: Corporate Risk Register 2022-23

Summary:

The report updates Councillors on movements within the Corporate Risk Register (Appendix A) for the Council, which was last reported to this committee in January 2022.

Recommendation:

Councillors note the current status of the corporate risk register.

Reasons for recommendation

The Audit and Governance Committee has responsibility for overseeing the implementation of an effective risk management framework and reviewing the effectiveness of risk management.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 This report updates Councillors on the actions taken by the Council to manage the corporate risks it faces.

2. The Report

- 2.1 Risks are recorded and reported through the Pentana Risk system. Appendix A shows details of the corporate risks currently included in the system. The following information is included:
- Title of the risk
 - Risk description
 - Individual risk scores

- Risk owner: identifies the officer responsible for monitoring the risk. This is a member of the Leadership Team
- Causes of the risk identified
- Consequences of the risk identified
- Controls and mitigating actions in place: identifies the required management action and controls which have been put in place to manage the risk. In line with the Risk Management Strategy, only risks with a current score of 12 or over require a formal action plan
- Original risk rating: identifies the risk level before any treatment
- Current risk rating: identifies the level at which the risk has currently been assessed, based on the likelihood and impact
- Target risk rating: identifies the risk level the Council is working towards

- 2.2 Responsibility for reviewing and updating the risk register lies with Council officers. Whilst Veritau facilitates the risk management process by offering challenge and support it retains its independence and objectivity as it is not part of the risk management process (i.e. it does not assess or score risks nor does it operate controls or implement mitigating actions).
- 2.3 For the risks identified on the Corporate Risk Register there are controls or mitigating actions in place to manage these risks which are, and need to be, closely monitored on an ongoing basis.
- 2.4 The risks were reviewed and updated by officers in June and July 2022.
- 2.5 As of July 2022, there are 12 risks on the Council's Corporate Risk Register for 2022-2023. No new risks have been added.
- 2.6 The Corporate Risk Register includes 4 risks with a score of 12 or more (high risk). This is the same as at the time of the January 2022 update. The 'Local Government Reorganisation' (CRR_018) risk remains the most significant risk faced by the Council, with a score of 20, unchanged from the previous assessment.
- 2.7 The risks 'Failure to deliver corporate priorities' (CRR_003) and 'Organisational Capacity' (CRR_004) have both increased from a score of 12 to 16. The increase in both risk scores is due to the significant capacity challenges being faced by the Council, with key staff leaving and difficulties being experienced in recruiting.
- 2.8 The 'Economic Environment' (CRR_008) risk has also increased from a score of 6 to 9. This is a reflection of steep inflationary increases that threaten consumer confidence and of the continued challenges in the labour supply.
- 2.9 All other risk scores remain the same as the previous assessment in January 2022.

3. Implications

- 3.1 There are no legal, financial, policy & risk, corporate plan, resource or other implications from this report.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The risks on the Corporate Risk Register continue to be closely monitored and action plans have been developed, or are in the process of being developed, for all risks requiring active management.

5. Background Documents

Risk Management Strategy

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Corporate Risk Register, July 2022