

**Report to Audit Committee**



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**Risk Management Review**

**PURPOSE**

1. To update the Audit Committee on the current risk management progress in the Council.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the committee note the report.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. The Audit Committee have oversight of the risk management processes in the Council as a key element of good governance.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

4. **Risk Management Activity**  
The Risk Management Group has met regularly and has proved useful in the communication of current risk issues and future options for improvement. Risk management training has continued to be provided to officers during the year and a risk management E-Learning course is available to all staff.
5. **Risk Management Reviews**  
The Council's health and safety advisor has continued their service unit audits although now more risk based and the outcomes of these are reported and monitored by management.
6. **Strategic Risk Register**  
As the Committee is aware the Council's Strategic Risk Register has been regularly reviewed and updated throughout the year. The Strategic Risk Register for 2013/14 is to be presented to the next Audit Committee for consideration.
7. **Service Risk Management**  
Each Service unit has a service risk register and these are generally maintained by the Head of Service and service management. But there are various approaches taken in Services which reflect the different risks that their services face.

8. A review of the status of risk registers was undertaken in early 2013, most services have registers that have been reviewed in the past year or identified their top three risks. There are three services where registers are currently under review as part of service planning.
9. A summary of the Service Risk Registers is provided in [Appendix A](#). There is a decrease in the number of identified risks as service risk registers reflect the reduction in number of service units. There is also a reduction in the number of residual high risks from 2012.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

10. None

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

11. None

#### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

12. Executive Member for Resources and Performance Management  
Chair of Resources Committee  
Director Of Resources  
Head of Finance and Property Management  
Chair of Audit Committee  
Head of People, Law and Regulation

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13. None

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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[Appendix A](#)