

 <p>Brent</p>	<p>Audit Committee</p> <p>5 January 2016</p> <p>Report from the Chief Finance Officer</p>
For Information	Wards affected: All
Corporate Risk Register	

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the council's current Corporate Risk Register.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Audit Committee to review and note the contents of the Council's updated Corporate Risk Register.

3. Detail

- 3.1 The risk register is attached at appendix 1. This sets out the council's corporate and key operational risks. Only those operational risks with a net score of 12 or more are reported to the Audit Committee. There are further risks contained within the departmental registers which can be viewed via the infostore system.
- 3.2 Strategic Directors are required to maintain an operational risk register and review this periodically with their Departmental Management Teams. The register is now held on Infostore and Directors are required to ensure their registers are up to date in accordance with the Audit Committee reporting cycle. The key dates are: 10th March, 10th June, 27th August and 3rd December 2015.
- 3.3 The Audit Committee last reviewed the register at its meeting on 16th September 2015.
- 3.4 Since the last meeting at which the risk register was presented, the Risk Management Group has met on two occasions. The registers are attached as appendix 1, and the following changes should be noted:

Corporate Risks

- Addition of Information Governance risk (CMT5).
- Addition impact of government's housing and welfare reforms risk (R&G4)
- Addition of contractor claim in respect of delay in completing Crest Academies project risk (R&G13)
- No risks removed.
- Reduction of residual risk score of risk of budget savings having significant consequences for service delivery (CMT 1) from 25 to 12.
- Reduction in residual risk score of failure to achieve required budget savings of resulting in overspend (CMT 2) from 25 to 16.
- Increase in residual risk score of non compliance with Health and Safety legislation (CMT3) from 12 to 20.
- Increase in residual risk score for Information Governance risk (CMT5) from 12 to 20 and further actions indicated to address issues arising from the recent audit by the Information Commissioner's Office.

Adult Social Care Department

- Reduction in residual risk score of risk of budget and demand (ASC4) from 20 to 18.
- Reduction in residual risk score of risk of service quality failure (ASC5) from 12 to 10.

Chief Operating Officer's Department

- Removal of risk of failure of the Public Realm contract (COO16).
- Removal of risk of Transportation contract dispute (COO17).
- Removal of risk of not meeting new income targets set for new library in Willesden Green (COO18).
- Removal of risk of NHS England not providing information and assumptions for the Council to novate existing contracts or issue new contracts for 0-5 year children's public health (COO19).
- Removal of risk of increase in Public Health grant to reflect new responsibility for commissioning 0-5 children's public health not covering the full cost of the service (COO20).
- Residual risk score for risk of Community Access programme failing to achieve planned savings reduced from 12 to 8 (CO09).
- Residual risk score for Information Governance risk increased from 15 to 20 and further actions indicated to address issues arising from the recent audit by the Information Commissioner's Office (COO10).

Children & Young People Department

- No risks added or removed.
- Inherent and residual risk scores of risk of a disproportionate reduction to

Council's general funds as a result of academy conversions (C&YP5) reduced from 30 to 25 and 24 to 20 respectively.

Regeneration & Growth Department

- No additions or removals.
- Increase in residual risk score of non compliance with Health and Safety legislation (R &G8) from 12 to 20.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2011 section 4(1) require the council to "ensure that the financial management of the body is adequate and effective and that the body has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of that body's functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk."
- 4.2 Further section 5 (1) (4) (i) requires that the Chief Finance Officer determines accounting control systems which include adequate measures to ensure that risk is appropriately managed.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 None

6. Diversity Implications

- 6.1 None

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