

CORPORATE RISK PROFIL

Risk Likelihood	Risk Impact	Likelihood	4				
			3				
1 = Unlikely	1 = Minor		2				
2 = Possible	2 = Moderate		1				
3 = Likely	3 = Significant			1	2	3	4
4 = Almost Certain	4 = Critical		Negative Impact				

Current Score
(Sept 2019)

D	Risk Areas	Risk Description	Cause	Impact	Current Controls	Impact	Likelihood	Rating	Mitigating Actions	Owner	Source of Assurance	Impact	Likelihood	Rating
R01	Strategic Planning	The priorities set out in the City Plan do not address the needs of the City as whole.	Corporate planning process does not adequately reflect the views of the community. Various sections of the community are not engaged.	Fail to contribute to the welfare and future prosperity of our communities.	COG. JLT. City Plan.	4	1	4	City Plan driven by required outcomes and commissioning activity. Refresh of the JSNA	Strategic Director People, Communications and Partnerships	Risk and Assurance Team Internal Audit	4	1	4
R02		Strategic plans are not adequately communicated on a timely basis to relevant Council Officers and external partners responsible for delivering plans.	Lack of timetable re corporate / service planning. Lack of communication of plans	Lack of delivery of plans by these partners/services responsible	COG. JLT. City Plan.	4	2	8	Communication of the City Plan continues across the Council and Partners. Service planning process to ensure that service plans reflect delivery of the City Plan.	Strategic Director People, Communications and Partnerships	Risk and Assurance Team Internal Audit	4	1	4
R03	Commissioning	Commissioning decisions are not based on appropriate intelligence	Appropriate intelligence is not gathered, e.g. performance data is incomplete, is out of date, or is not appropriately analysed or assessed to determine the needs of the community Do not engage with the appropriate sectors of the community / market	Ineffective use of limited resources. Customers' outcomes are not achieved resulting in more expensive interventions being required.	JSNA. Community engagement arrangements. Intelligence Service. Performance Management Framework.	4	2	8	Identify intelligence required and potential sources to inform decisions. Develop engagement plans to gather the required information. Analyse the information and use the results to inform the commissioning decisions, using the intelligence team.	All Assistant Directors	Governance questionnaire Internal Audit Corporate Performance Management	4	1	4
R04		Most appropriate and cost effective commissioning option to meet identified needs and achieve commissioning priorities and outcomes is not chosen.	Failure to identify and evaluate relevant possible commissioning options of delivering services taking into account the resources available. Failure to build or shape capacity in 'market' and cooperative working eg partnerships to enable effective service options not in place to help achieve commissioning priorities and outcomes Inadequate options appraisal process Lack of resource or expertise	Commissioning priorities and objectives are not achieved so community needs not being met. Ineffective use of limited resources.	City Plan. Service Plans.	4	2	8	Options appraisal undertaken on service design following assessment of customer needs. Appropriate procedure followed to commission the preferred option, eg, procurement, service re-design.	All Assistant Directors	Cabinet reports Governance questionnaire Internal Audit	4	1	4
R05		Commissioning assessment process is not undertaken on a timely or regular basis.	Inadequate resources. Insufficient forward planning for contracted services.	Changes in needs of community are not identified promptly. Inappropriate use of limited resources. Community's real needs are not met. Existing arrangements/contracts extended where it may not be the optimal solution	Service Plans.	4	2	8	Review of performance to ensure service delivery model is delivering outcomes. Commissioning Cycle to include planned review date either linked to outcome or contract timescales.	All Assistant Directors	Governance questionnaire Internal Audit	3	1	3
R06	Service Delivery Arrangements	Service Plans do not include actions to achieve the City Plan priorities	Service plans are not driven by the City Plan	Fail to meet the needs of the City	Service Planning Process. Performance Management Framework.	4	3	12	Service Planning process is driven by the City Plan. Service Planning Process is communicated to all Assistant Directors.	All Assistant Directors Strategic Director People, Communications and Partnerships	Internal Audit Corporate Performance Management	3	2	6
R07		The level of services delivered by the council does not meet customer needs and/or expectations.	Lack of understanding of the priorities Lack of financial resources to invest in changing arrangements Lack of benchmarking to identify service development opportunities Lack of management time to consider delivery improvements Capability issues	Required outcomes for customers not achieved. Reputational damage. Wasted resources.	Service Planning Process. Performance management arrangements. Transformation Programme.	4	2	8	Performance in relation to the delivery of outcomes is regularly monitored.	All Assistant Directors	Corporate Performance Management Internal Audit Corporate Complaints	4	1	4
R08		Performance targets are not set or do not clearly identify the acceptable levels of service delivery performance.	Lack of understanding of how to measure acceptable performance.	Unable to understand if performance levels are acceptable.	Corporate performance management process.	3	2	6	Targets should be set for all performance measures (where appropriate to do so) to clarify acceptable levels of performance.	All Assistant Directors	Governance questionnaire Corporate Performance management Internal Audit	3	1	3
R09		Management fail to take prompt effective action in response to unacceptable performance results reported or fails to follow up to ensure remedial action is effective.	Lack of time to consider performance. Performance information not accurate, timely or understood. Management not held to account for performance. Lack of resource or control to make necessary changes.	No or delay in action taken to improve service which may have major impact on customers. Poor reputation for Council.	Corporate Performance management. Performance Clinics.	3	2	6	Management review performance on a regular basis and take appropriate action to rectify unacceptable performance.	All Assistant Directors	Corporate Performance management arrangements Internal Audit Corporate Complaints	3	1	3
R10		Services fail to monitor their financial resources to ensure effective delivery of planned services.	Lack of time spent on budget monitoring. Lack of understanding of the service's financial position. Lack of complete or timely financial information.	Services not effectively delivered due to lack of resources.	Budget managers guidance. Financial Resources support.	4	1	4	Managers continue to engage with Financial Resources to understand the financial performance of their services areas	All Assistant Directors	Financial Resources Internal Audit	4	1	4
R11		Services do not meet the needs of the City as key risks are not identified or appropriately managed.	Potential barriers to the delivery of services are not identified or assessed.	Services not effectively delivered. Waste of resources.	Service Planning process.	3	3	9	Services should continue to identify risks to service delivery during the service planning process and consider appropriate mitigating actions.	All Assistant Directors	Risk and Assurance Internal Audit	3	1	3

Appendix 3

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R23		Financial reporting fails to reflect on how financial changes in one area impacts on other areas of the council.	Financial savings in one area may have a more than proportionate increase in other service areas	Savings plans are not achieved in practice.	Financial Reporting Procedures.	3	1	3	The Councln's financial position is regularly reported to COG and Members.	Executive Director of Corporate Services	Financial Resources	3	1	3	Financial Reporting			X								X	
R24		The Council does not take all opportunities to pursue external funding when available.	Lack of awareness of funding streams available. Lack of planning regarding priorities to be able to react to available funding.	The Council fails to deliver its priorities in an efficient way. Some priorities may not be delivered.	External Funding Team. Strategic funding group.	3	1	3	Ensure that horizon scanning considers changes in future sources of funding.	Executive Director of Corporate Services	Internal audit	3	1	3													
R25		The Council does not maximise the use of external funding that has been allocated.	Lack of planning Lack of awareness of the terms and conditions of the funding Delays in project completion	Loss of grant income. Some priorities may not be delivered.	Financial monitoring. Project management standards.	3	2	6	The Council monitors the use of all grant monies to ensure there is no loss.	Assistant Director of Finance	Internal Audit	3	1	3													
R26		Financial reporting fails to give a full and accurate picture of the progress to achieving corporate financial priorities and targets.	Financial reporting does not address all priority issues Financial performance measures are inappropriate Financial targets not set to aid evaluation of performance Financial performance data reported is inaccurate, out of date, difficult to understand or incomplete Financial performance reporting not timely	Financial reporting does not identify if achievement of all priorities are on track or if interventions are required. Appropriate remedial actions are delayed.	Corporate Performance Reporting. Performance Clinics.	3	1	3	Financial performance reporting is aligned to performance reporting to identify any potential inaccuracies or inconsistencies.	Executive Director of Corporate Services	Financial Resources Corporate Performance Management	3	1	3				X		X						X	
R27		The Council fails to pay its employees (and those of other clients) accurately and on time.	Lack of resources to process the changes to the payroll Lack of a clear timetable for the submission of information Lack or payroll staff wth the required training	Delay in making salary payments. Claims from employees for costs incurred for late payment of bills. Loss of reputation as a payroll provider.	Policies and procedures in place for operating the payroll system. Employee self service.	3	1	3	Controls in place to ensure that the payroll runs are complete and accurate and operate efficiently.	Assistant Director of people Management	Internal Audit	3	1	3												X	X
R28		The Council fails to make payments to its suppliers and clients accurately and on time.	Lack of resources to process the required payments. Lack of appropriate checks on payments before processing. Lack of controls in place to ensure payments are processed per the required timescales.	Loss of reputation with suppliers. Claims for interest for late payments.	Procedures in place within the Purchase to Pay system	3	1	3	Procedures required for making payments accurately and on time are up to date and fully understood by staff within the payments service	Assistant Director of Finance	Internal Audit	3	1	3												X	X
R29		The Council fails to process payments for benefits accurately or on time.	Poor assessment procedures. Lack of timetable for assessing claims. Delay in the processing of claims.	Customers do not receive the correct amount of benefit resulting in financial hardship. Customers receive their payments late causing unnecessary debt.	Assessment procedures and performance indicators in place.	4	1	4	Established procedures are in place and followed by adequately trained staff for the assessment and processing of benefit claims.	Assistant Director of Digital and Customer Service	Internal Audit	4	1	4	Income Collection (including CT/NNDR)											X	X
R30	Income Collection (including CT/NNDR)	Council fails to bill and or promptly collect the income that is due to it.	Lack of resources. Inadequate procedures for raising accurate bills. Inappropriate methods to allow customers to pay bills. Over generous credit terms. Economic conditions increase the number of bad debtors. Procedures fail to identify non payments. Ineffective enforcement of credit control arrangements.	Financial loss. Unable to balance the budget.	Financial procedure rules. Performance indicators in place.	3	1	3	Regular monitoring that the income received is in line with that expected as per the Council's budget.	Assistant Director of Finance	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	1	3				X								X	X
R31		Prosperity within the City fails to grow resulting in the expected level of income being uncollectable.	Number of businesses in the City reduces or does not grow. Increased number of families suffering financial hardship. Debts increase and become harder to recover.	Financial loss. Negative impact on cashflow. Inability to achieve financial targets.	City Plan. Strategic financial planning.	3	3	9	Clear performance measures and regular monitoring of the debtor position highlight potential loss of income.	Executive Director of Corporate Services	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	2	6				X									
R32	Capital Programme Management	Capital projects do not support the delivery of strategic priorities and desired outcomes.	Capital projects are based on available funding and not linked to priorities. Inadequate business cases for projects.	Priorities are not delivered. City does not have the required infrastructure. Poor integration of city developments.	Capital Programme Board	3	1	3	The Capital Programme is directly aligned to the City Plan and strategic priorities.	Executive Director of Corporate Services	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	1	3	Capital Programme Management			X								X	X
R33		The intended benefits of capital projects are not identified and/or realised.	Lack of awareness of funding conditions Poor planning Poor monitoring of projects Lack of monitoring of the realisation of benefits after the completion of the projects	Loss of funding. Council resources used to fill funding gaps. Other planned projects postponed. Lack of delivery of the Council priorities.	Capital Programme Board	3	3	9	Corporate approach to planning and monitoring of the delivery of the benefits of each project and the wider Capital Programme.	Executive Director of Corporate Services	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	2	6												X	X
R34	HR Management	The council does not have the required skills and capacity to deliver the City's priorities.	Shrinking workforce leading to a reduction in capacity and skills. Rapid loss of key/senior officers and associated expertise. Lack of effective workforce planning to ensure Council has workforce to meet the needs of Council going forward. Insufficient resources to maintain effective HR management resource and arrangements. Insufficient training and development.	Lack of or delay or increased costs in delivering priorities.	Corporate Performance Management.	3	3	9	Workforce planning strategy in place that is appropriately monitored to ensure it is effectively implemented.	Assistant Director of People Management	People Management Internal Audit	3	2	6	HR Management	X							X			X	X
R35		Reduction in productivity and morale of workforce.	Increasing workloads. Instability due to ongoing changes. Job insecurity.	High absence/sickness rates. Stress related absence. Lower standards of service delivery. Increased costs.	Corporate Performance management. Performance Clinics.	4	3	12	Recognition of reduced capacity. Employees feeling valued and supported.	All Assistant Directors	Governance questionnaire People Management Internal Audit	4	2	8		X							X			X	

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R36	Health and Safety	Council officers do not fully understand H&S roles and responsibilities.	Roles and responsibilities not clearly documented and/or communicated effectively. Loss of knowledge from organisational change and staff churn. Ineffective training and awareness programme. Lack of easy access to relevant documents on the Hub.	Lack of ownership and accountability for H&S. Inconsistent approach to the management of H&S issues across directorates, divisions and teams. Reduced compliance with quality standards and best practice. Inability to adequately prevent incidents occurring. Inadequate documentation and controls leading to injury and death.	Corporate Health and Safety Team. Corporate Health and Safety Statement of Intent.	4	2	8	H&S Strategy/Policy to be reviewed and revised. Revised Strategy/Policy to be agreed by COG.	Assistant Director of People Management	People Management Internal Audit	4	1	4	Health and Safety							X			X	X	
R37		The council's key H&S risks are not identified, understood or agreed.	Lack of effective coordinated corporate approach to the identification of H&S risks. Lack of awareness or prioritisation of H&S across Chief officers, managers and operational colleagues. Lack of clear responsibilities of premises managers, landlords and leaseholders.	Key H&S risks not effectively managed leading to injury or death of the public, staff, suppliers or partners. H&S legal duties not fulfilled and/or demonstrated. Reduced oversight and accountability at strategic and operational levels across the council leading to uninformed decision making. None compliance with quality standards. Litigation and adverse PR.	Corporate Health and Safety Team.	4	2	8	Continue to monitor Health and Safety Risks through the assurance framework and work with relevant colleagues to manage the risks in place.	Assistant Director of People Management	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	4	1	4												X	
R38		Appropriate action plans are not developed and agreed to manage the council's key H&S risks.	Lack of joined up corporate approach to the management of H&S risks. Lack of effective process to develop clear and robust action plans to establish relevant controls and officer ownership.	Effective controls not established and/or operated appropriately. Inconsistent and disjointed approach across the council to the management of shared risks leading to confusion and mismanagement of control systems.	Corporate Health and Safety Team. Health and Safety Audits.	4	2	8	Continue to oversee the management of Health and Safety risks through the Executive Group and annual reporting to COG.	Assistant Director of People Management	People Management Internal Audit	4	1	4												X	
R39		Strategic approach to incident management does not adequately inform decision making.	Lack of understanding of responsibilities and accountability for incident response. Non-compliance with incident reporting arrangements. imited trend analysis and learning lessons from incidents. Availability of quality data/information to inform effective reporting to COG.	Ineffective decision making. Implementation of inappropriate controls. Existing controls not reviewed and revised in response to learning from incidents becoming out-of-date and ineffective. Avoidable repetition of incidents.	Corporate Health and Safety Team. Annual Health and Safety Report.	3	2	6	Continue to monitor compliance with incident reporting arrangements and address any areas for development.	Assistant Director of People Management	People Management Internal Audit	3	1	3												X	
R40	ICT Infrastructure	The ICT infrastructure is not fit for purpose (i.e. does not meet the needs of Council, not reliable, too expensive).	Reducing resources impacts upon the ability to maintain a stable infrastructure. Lack of funds to maintain/upgrade infrastructure. Lack of understanding of importance of role of ICT in delivering more efficient and effective services. Lack of understanding of extent of reliance on ICT. Lack of expertise and time to	Disruption to service provision impacting on delivery of priorities. Waste of financial resources due to excessive cost. Less efficient and effective service delivery. Loss of productivity.	ICT development plan.	4	2	8	The ICT strategy is clearly aligned to the priorities of the Council and the direction of travel for the provision of Council Services.	Assistant Director of Digital and Customer Service	ICT Internal Audit	4	1	4	ICT Infrastructure	X						X		X	X	X	
R41		ICT infrastructure is not resilient to 'disasters'.	Lack of planning for disasters (prevent or respond to). No adequate business continuity/disaster recovery ICT infrastructure in place. Lack of business continuity/disaster recovery plan which has been tested. Key employees not briefed as to their disaster recovery responsibilities.	Disruption to service provision impacting on delivery of priorities. Loss of productivity. Waste of financial resources due to excessive cost. Less efficient and effective service delivery. Loss of productivity.	Business continuity arrangements (ICT and in services).	4	2	8	Disaster recovery plans clearly linked to the provision of critical services, regularly tested and the recovery timescales reflected in the business continuity plans for critical services.	Assistant Director of Digital and Customer Service All Assistant Directors	ICT Internal Audit Business continuity officer	4	1	4		X						X		X	X	X	
R42	Cyber Security	The Council is exposed to vulnerabilities and threats, both internal and external, (e.g. hacking, phishing, denial of service attack) resulting in a loss of systems and/or confidential information.	Lack of appreciation by management of threat/risks of cybercrime to Council's operations. Low priority given to cybersecurity. Lack of cybercrime prevention culture created (lack of cybersecurity policies and procedures (prevention and response), lack of ongoing employee training/awareness). Lack of monitoring of alerts/warnings, e.g. no Security and Incident and Event Management (SIEM) solution in place.	Loss of public trust, customer confidence, finance and reputational damage. Fines / compensation. Loss of systems or data loss. Major business disruption.	Strategic Information Governance Group. Operational Information Governance Group. ISO 27001. Cyber security arrangements	4	2	8	A Cyber security Strategy is in place, including and threat assessment, development plan and response plan.	Assistant Director of Digital and Customer Service	ICT Internal Audit	4	2	8	Cyber Security							X			X	X	
R43	Information Governance / Security	Council's data is not accurately protected.	Lack of awareness of the importance of protecting the Council's data. Lack of compliance with data security arrangements. The Council is not aware of the data it holds or ensures that it is complete and accurate. Protection arrangements do not prevent unauthorised access and use of data.	Loss of public trust and reputational damage. Fines / compensation. Claims from those who have been adversely effected.	Strategic Information Governance Group. Operational Information Governance Group. ISO 27001. Cyber security arrangements	3	2	6	Council has appropriate information governance and security arrangements in place which are complied with throughout the organisation.	Strategic Director People, Communications and Partnerships All Assistant Directors	Data Protection Office Governance questionnaire Internal Audit	3	1	1	Information Governance / Security	X	X								X	X	
R44	Business Continuity Management	The Council's business critical services cannot function in the event of an incident.	Business Continuity Plans not up to date, reviewed or revised to reflect organisational, procedural and staff changes. Business continuity plans are not tested appropriately.	Services are unable to respond in adverse conditions.	Corporate Business Continuity Group. Business Continuity plans.	4	2	8	Business continuity plans are reviewed and tested on a regular basis.	Business Continuity Officer All Assistant Directors	Business Continuity Officer Internal Audit	4	1	4	Business Continuity Management	X								X	X	X	
R45		Lack of awareness of content of business continuity plans.	Lack of effective communication strategy. Lack of testing.	Services are unable or slow to respond appropriately to disasters when occur affecting services to community, safety of individuals. Loss of reputation.	Corporate Business Continuity Group. Business Continuity plans.	4	2	8	Relevant staff are made aware of the content of the business continuity plans and understand their role in implementing them.	All Assistant Directors	Business Continuity Officer Internal Audit Governance questionnaire	4	1	4		X								X		X	
R46	Programme / Project Management	Programmes and projects fail to deliver the desired benefits and outcomes.	Lack of agreed Project Management Standards. Lack of Project Plans and Governance. Lack of monitoring of achievement.	Fail to obtain value for money. Standards. Lack of Project Plans and Governance. Lack of monitoring of achievement.	Corporate Project /Programme management arrangements.	3	3	9	The expected benefits of programmes and projects are clearly set out at the start and their achievement monitored throughout.	All Project Sponsors	Project Office Risk and Assurance Internal Audit	3	1	3	Programme / Project Management	X			X						X	X	X

