

CORPORATE RISK PROFILE

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

Likelihood	Impact
4	4
3	3
2	2
1	1
1	2
2	3
3	4

Negative Impact

ID	Risk Areas	Risk Description	Cause	Impact	Current Controls	Original score (Dec 2016)		Target score		Mitigating Actions	Source of Assurance	Current score		
						Impact Likelihood	Rating	Impact Likelihood	Rating					
R01	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not based on appropriate intelligence	Appropriate intelligence is not gathered, e.g. performance data is incomplete, is out of date, or is not appropriately analysed or assessed to determine the needs of the community Do not engage with the appropriate sectors of the community / market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	4	2	8	4	1	4	4	2	8
R02		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 all the 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 to be 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.	Procurement and Commissioning Guidance	4	2	8	4	1	4	4	2	8
R03		Commissioning assessment process is not undertaken on a timely or regular basis.	Inadequate resources Insufficient forward planning for contracted services	Changes in need of community are not identified promptly Inappropriate use of limited resources Community's real needs are not met Existing contracts extended where it may not be the optimal solution		4	2	8	3	1	3	4	2	8
R04	Strategic Planning	The priorities set out in the Corporate Plan do not align with the defined needs of the community	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 Corporate Planning Process	4	2	8	4	1	4	4	1	4
R05		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 plan	Lack of delivery of plans by those partners/services responsible	COG JLT Corporate Planning Process	4	3	12	4	2	8	4	2	8
R06	Service / Business Planning	The service planning process does not deliver all the actions to achieve the Corporate priorities	Service Planning process does not identify all the actions required to achieve corporate priorities Individuals/service responsibility for delivery of strategic planning actions not identified or communicated Strategic planning process not completed prior to service planning.	Fail to contribute to the welfare and future prosperity of our communities		3	3	9	3	2	6	3	2	6
R07		Service/business plans are not communicated to relevant officer responsible for delivering plan task.	Lack of communication plan	Delay in or lack of delivery of business plan tasks.		4	2	8	4	1	4	4	2	8
R08	Service Delivery Arrangements	The level of services delivered by the council do not meet customer expectations	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	Business Planning Process Performance management arrangements Transformation Programme	4	3	12	4	1	4	4	2	8
R09		Service delivery arrangements are not resilient	Lack of tested business continuity and disaster recovery plans	Required outcomes for customers not achieved Reputational damage Wasted resources	Corporate business continuity arrangements	4	3	12	4	2	8	4	3	12
R10	Performance Management	Performance management arrangements do not identify if all priorities are being achieved	Meaningful performance indicators are not identified in relation to all priorities / outcomes	Unable to establish if outcomes are being achieved	Performance management framework Performance reviews	4	2	8	4	1	4	4	1	4
R11		No or inappropriate performance targets are set to define acceptable performance	Lack of knowledge as to realistic targets	Unable to understand if performance levels are acceptable		3	3	9	3	2	6	3	3	9

Appendix 3

Assurance											
Overall Assurance	1st Line	2nd Line							3rd Line		
	Management Assurance	Law and Governance	Financial Resources	Programmes and Projects	Performance	ICT	HR and OD	Business Continuity	Risk and Assurance	Internal audit	External Assurance
Commissioning	X								X	X	
	X		X						X	X	X
	X								X	X	
Strategic Planning	X				X				X	X	
	X				X				X	X	
Service / Business Planning					X					X	X
	X									X	X
Service Delivery Arrangements	X				X				X	X	
	X							X		X	
Performance Management	X				X					X	
	X				X				X	X	

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R12		Management fail to take prompt effective action in response to 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	3	9	3	1	3	Management review performance on a regular basis and take appropriate action to rectify unacceptable performance	Corporate Performance management arrangements Internal Audit	3	1	3
R13	Partnership / Integrated Working	Partner(s) do not perform their planned tasks as intended to deliver partnership objectives Objectives and priorities of Council and other partner(s) conflict/not aligned	Reducing resources forces partners to concentrate on their own priorities at the expense of partnership priorities Lack of communication of plans between partners Lack of partnership performance monitoring	Unable to achieve City/council priorities and support communities	Partnership Boards Economic Educational, Health & Wellbeing	4	3	12	4	2	8	Performance management arrangements include a review of the achievement of outcomes where partners have some responsibility for delivery	Corporate Performance management Internal Audit	4	3	12
R14		Lack of understanding by each partner as to objectives, and nature of partnership (e.g. responsibilities, if applicable, sharing of profits, costs or losses, dispute resolution, governance, decision making, planning, risk sharing)	Lack of formal comprehensive written partnership agreement	Resources wasted on dispute resolution or clarify arrangements. Delay in delivery of plans and outcomes for community		4	3	12	4	2	8	Partnership agreement in place with each partners setting out the expectations of each party and the required reporting arrangements	Governance questionnaire Internal Audit	4	3	12
R15	Procurement	The product or service procured does not deliver the intended outcomes	Poor specification Lack of understanding what is needed by commissioner Poor communication between commissioner and procurement Inadequate evaluation process	Fail to obtain value for money Objectives/outcomes are not achieved Most appropriate commissioning options are not obtained	Commissioning process Procurement Procedure Rules	3	1	3	3	1	3	The Council's procurement procedures are followed and good procurement practice is undertaken	Internal Audit Governance Questionnaire Risk and Assurance	3	1	3
R16		Procurement breaches legal and Council requirements.	Lack of procurement procedure rules and training Lack of knowledge of legal/Council requirements Failure to adhere to requirements (deliberate, e.g. corruption or accidental)	Legal/finacial penalties Challenge, delays in award Loss of reputation	PPRs in place Procurement have skilled staff CP support council officers	2	1	2	2	1	2	Commissioners engage with Corporate procurement in enough time to undertake an appropriate and legal procurement process	Internal Audit	2	1	2
R17		Value for money not obtained	Lack of competition Corruption Inappropriate specification Poor procurement planning Goods/services used not subject to competitive process	Poor quality of goods/services and customer service Pay higher prices - waste of scarce resources		3	2	6	3	1	3	Commissioners engage with Corporate procurement in enough time to undertake an appropriate and legal procurement process	Internal Audit	3	2	6
R18	Relationship / Contract Management	Contracts do not deliver the required objectives/outcomes	Lack of clear contract/specification provisions in place to allow effective management of the contract Lack of appreciation of importance of contract management during the procurement process Lack of clarity of clear measures and standards required by commissioner in specification to allow for contract management post award	Fail to obtain value for money, i.e. pay too much or poor service obtained Objectives are not achieved Excessive resources used on dispute resolution	Contract management framework Corporate Procurement support to officers	4	3	12	4	2	8	The new Head of Contractual Relationships will improve the skills in this area and will ensure that appropriate contract management arrangements are in place for all key procurements undertaken by the Council	Governance questionnaire Internal Audit	4	3	12
R19	Legality	Council fails to act within its statutory powers	Lack of Constitution, Procedure rules and / or delegation scheme etc. Constitution, procedure rules, delegation scheme are not communicated or understood by officers Decision makers have lack of access to legal expertise Lack of awareness of officers as to their legal responsibilities Changes in law are not recognised and implemented	Councils actions are found to be ultra vires Financial penalties Legal challenge Loss of reputation Delay in delivery of outcomes	Constitution and Procedure Rules	3	1	3	3	1	3	Review of key decisions by Law and Governance	Law and Governance Governance questionnaire Internal Audit	3	1	3
R20	Risk Management	Fail to identify and manage the major risks and opportunities to delivering priorities and plans	Risk Management process is not aligned with delivering priorities Management do not have resources for, or do not appreciate the importance of risk and opportunity management Risk appetite of the Council is not identified and communicated	Priorities are not achieved Loss of reputation Potential financial penalties	Risk management policy and strategy	3	2	6	3	1	3	The Council's strategic and corporate risks are identified, assessed and managed through EMT and the Audit and Governance Committee Service Planning process to identify key risks	Risk and Assurance Team Audit and Governance Committee	3	2	6
R21	Performance Reporting	Performance reporting fails to give a full and accurate picture of the progress in achieving corporate priorities and outcomes	Performance reporting does not address all priority issues Performance measures are inappropriate Performance targets not set to aid evaluation of performance Performance data reported is inaccurate, out of date, difficult to understand or incomplete Performance reporting not timely	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 Framework	3	1	3	3	1	3	Further developments to the reporting of performance in relation to the achievement of outcomes and priorities, including the use of an appropriate ICT solution.	Corporate performance management Internal Audit	3	1	3
R22	Strategic Financial Planning / MTFS	Strategic financial plans do not align to Council priorities, objectives and direction as set out as part of the corporate plan	Corporate and financial planning processes are not coordinated to allow plans to be aligned. Financial planning process does not involve consultation with key decision makers in Council both councillors and officers.	Plans made which are not adequately resourced Failure to achieve plans and outcomes for community Council financial resources overstretched.		4	2	8	4	1	4	The Corporate Plan Delivery Plan will need to be refreshed / updated in line with the agreed budget	Head of Transformation Financial Resources	4	1	4
R23		Strategic financial plans fail to take into account all critical factors likely to affect the Council's finances moving forward, e.g. changes in government funding streams, changes in amounts of funding, inflation, pay awards, potential liabilities, demand for services, current financial performance, level of financial reserves needed, planned projects etc.	Poor intelligence gathering or horizon scanning Lack of resources Lack of consultation/communication with senior officers	Decisions made with inaccurate information Plans made which are not adequately resourced Failure to achieve plans and outcomes for community Council financial resources overstretched		3	1	3	3	1	3	Appropriate consultation and intelligence gathering is undertaken in assessing the Council's short to medium term financial position	Financial Resources External Audit	3	1	3
R24	Financial Reporting	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	Efficiencies are not achieved	Financial Reporting Procedures	3	1	3	3	1	3	The Council's financial position is regularly reported to the Executive Management Team and Members	Financial Resources	3	1	3

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	X				X					X	
Partnership / Inegrated Working									X	X	X
	X									X	
Procurement	X								X	X	
									X	X	
										X	
Relationship / Contract Management	X				X				X	X	
Legality	X	X							X	X	
Risk Management	X								X	X	
Performance Reporting					X					X	
Strategic Financial Planning / MTFS			X	X						X	
			X							X	X
Financial Reporting			X							X	

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R25		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	3	1	3	3	Financial performance reporting is aligned to performance reporting to identify any potential inaccuracies on inconsistencies	Financial Resources Corporate Performance Management	3	1	3
R26	Financial Management	Management fail to manage financial performance or take appropriate prompt effective action in response to poor financial performance results reported.	Lack of time to consider performance Performance information not accurate 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 finances Poor reputation for Council	Financial management framework	3	1	3	3	The financial management framework ensures that managers are regularly review their financial performance and are taking appropriate remedial action where necessary.	Financial Resources	3	1	3
R27		The Council fails to pay its employees (and those of other clients) 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 with 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	3	1	3	3	Controls in place to ensure that the payroll runs are complete and accurate operate efficiently	Internal Audit	3	1	3
R28		The Council fails to make payments to its suppliers and clients on time	Lack of resources to process the required payments 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	3	Procedures required for making payments on time are up to date and fully understood by staff within the payments service	Internal Audit	3	1	3
R29		The Council fails to process payments for housing benefit 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	4	Established procedures are in place and followed by adequately trained staff for the assessment and processing of benefit claims	Internal Audit	4	1	4
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	3	1	3	3	Regular monitoring that the income received is in line with that expected as per the Council's budget	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	1	3
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	Economic regeneration activity	4	3	12	4	Clear performance measures and regular monitoring of the debtor position	Financial Resources Internal Audit	4	3	12
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	3	The Capital Programme is directly aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan and strategic priorities	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	1	3
R33		The intended benefits of external funding for capital projects are not maximised	Lack of awareness of funding conditions Poor planning Poor monitoring of projects Unforeseen delays in projects	Loss of funding Council resources used to fill funding gaps Other planned projects postponed	Capital Programme Board	3	3	9	3	Corporate approach to planning and monitoring of the delivery of the wider benefits of the Capital Programme	Financial Resources Internal Audit	3	3	9
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 needs of Council going forward Insufficient resources to maintain effective HR management resource and arrangements Insufficient training and development	Delay or increased costs in delivering priorities	Monthly performance management arrangements for KPIs	3	3	9	3	Workforce planning strategy in place that is appropriately monitored to ensure it is effectively implemented	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	3	3	9
R35		Reduction in productivity and morale of workforce	Increasing workloads Instability due to ongoing changes Job insecurity Impact of Workforce Transformation, i.e. pay protection ending	High absence/sickness rates Stress related absence Lower standards of service delivery Increased costs	Monthly performance management arrangements for KPIs	4	3	12	4	Recognition of reduced capacity Employees feeling valued and supported	Governance questionnaire Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	4	3	12
R36		The Council fails to protect the health and safety of its employees, customers and visitors to its buildings	Lack of an assessment of the health and safety risks Failure to take action to minimise the risks Lack of awareness of employees on the actions to take to keep people safe	Death or injury to an employee, customer or visitor Resultant financial claims Loss of reputation	Health and safety policies and procedures and regular reporting of H&S Pis.	4	2	8	4	Manager understand the requirements of undertaking health and safety risk assessments in line with corporate guidelines and are capable of appropriately assessing the risks and taking corrective action	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	4	2	8

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			X		X					X	
Financial Management	X		X						X	X	X
										X	X
										X	X
										X	X
										X	X
Income Collection (including CT/NNDR)			X							X	X
			X						X		
Capital Programme Management			X						X	X	
									X	X	
HR Management	X						X		X		
	X						X			X	
	X						X				

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R37	Health and Safety	Council officers do not fully understand H&S roles and responsibilities	1) Roles and responsibilities not clearly documented and/or communicated effectively 2) Loss of knowledge from organisational change and staff churn. 3) Ineffective training and awareness programme 4) Lack of easy access to relevant documents on the Hub	1) Lack of ownership and accountability for H&S 2) Inconsistent approach to the management of H&S issues across directorates, divisions and teams. 3) Reduced compliance with quality standards and best practice. 4) Inability to adequately prevent incidents occurring. 5) Inadequate documentation and controls leading to injury and death.	1) Corporate Health and Safety Team	4	3	12	3	2	6	1) H&S Strategy/Policy to be reviewed/revised to include: - Clear description of the council's legal responsibilities - Roles and Responsibilities of Corp. H&S Team, CoG, Directorates, HoS, Managers, Premises Mgrs., officers. - Responsibilities for compliance and reporting requirements. - How awareness will be raised and maintained. - How the Policy will be implemented 2) Review/develop arrangements to effectively coordinate and oversee H&S Training programme across the council 3) H&S responsibilities to be included in leaver handover arrangements	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	4	3	12	Health and Safety								X		X	X	
R38		The council's key H&S risks are not identified, understood or agreed	1) Lack of effective coordinated corporate approach to the identification of H&S risks. 2) Lack of awareness or prioritisation of H&S across Chief officers, managers and operational colleagues. 3) Lack of clear responsibilities of premises managers, landlords and leaseholders	1) Key H&S risks not effectively managed leading to injury or death of the public, staff, suppliers or partners. 2) H&S legal duties not fulfilled and/or demonstrated 3) Reduced oversight and accountability at strategic and operational levels across the council leading to uninformed decision making. 4) None compliance with quality standards. 5) Litigation and adverse PR.	1) Corporate Health and Safety Team	4	3	12	3	2	6	1) Establish corporate approach for the effective identification of key corporate H&S risks across the council 2) H&S risk register to developed and communicated across senior officers together with clear roles and responsibilities for the ongoing management and delivery of agreed actions.	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	4	3	12											X		
R39		Appropriate action plans are not developed and agreed to manage the council's key H&S risks	1) Lack of joined up corporate approach to the management of H&S risks 2) Lack of effective process to develop clear and robust action plans to establish relevant controls and officer ownership.	1) Effective controls not established and/or operated appropriately. 2) Inconsistent and disjointed approach across the council to the management of shared risks leading to confusion and mismanagement of control systems.	1) Corporate Health and Safety Team 2) Health and Safety Audits	4	3	12	3	2	6	1) Review effectiveness of H&S Management System and agree any areas for development. 2) Establish corporate governance arrangements to develop and agree risk action plans, and oversee the H&S agenda, including (but not limited to): - Maintenance of H&S Policy - Maintenance programme - Testing plan - Building security - Employee protection - Monitoring and reporting of delivery of action plans and effectiveness of existing controls - H&S Training delivery	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	4	3	12											X		
R40		Strategic approach to incident management does not adequately inform decision making	1) Lack of understanding of responsibilities and accountability for incident response. 2) Non-compliance with incident reporting arrangements 3) Limited trend analysis and learning lessons from incidents 4) Availability of quality data/information to inform effective reporting to CoG	1) Ineffective decision making. 2) Implementation of inappropriate controls. 3) Existing controls not reviewed and revised in response to learning from incidents becoming out-of-date and ineffective. 4) Avoidable repetition of incidents.	1) Corporate Health and Safety Team 2) Annual Health and Safety Report	3	3	9	3	1	3	1) Monitor compliance with incident reporting arrangements and address any areas for development. 2) Establish arrangements to provide assurance that controls have been reviewed following organisational/staffing changes or incidents. 3) Arrangements to be developed to ensure lessons are learned from incidents. 4) Trend analysis to be complete to inform regular reporting to CoG.	Head of HR and OD Internal Audit	3	3	9										X			
R41	ICT Infrastructure	The ICT infrastructure is not fit for purpose (i.e. not meet 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 understand Council IT needs and to design and implement appropriate solution Lack of planning Fragmented and numerous IT systems used by Council historically Lack of communication between management and ICT of Council needs and how ICT support	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	4	1	4	The ICT strategy is clearly aligned to the priorities of the Council and the direction of travel for the provision of Council Services	ICT Internal Audit Business continuity officer	3	2	6	ICT Infrastructure	X					X		X	X	X		

