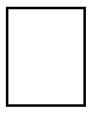
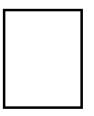


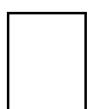
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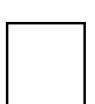
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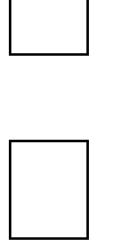












PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

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TITLE OF REPORT: Risk Management – 2011/12 Quarter 1 Review

1. PURPOSE

To provide Members with details of the risk management activity that has taken place over the first quarter (1 April 2011 to 30 June 2011).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are recommended to re-affirm their support for the Council's approach to Risk Management and to note progress made on the Corporate Risk Register as at Quarter 1 2011/12.

3. KEY ISSUES

The Corporate Risk Register records the risks that relate to the achievement of the Council's strategic objectives.

The Corporate Risk Register currently contains a total of 12 risks. A full list of the risks is attached as Appendix A.

The table below shows the number of risks that are aligned to each of the corporate priorities:

Corporate Priority	No of Risks
Prosperous Towns	1
Clean and Green	1
Healthy Places	2

Managing Risk3Transformation & Downsizing4and Managing Risk4Prosperous towns / Safe neighbourhoods1Clean and green / Healthy places /1Transformation and downsizing / Managing risk

Currently the top 3 corporate risks are:

Priority	Risk Ref No.	Risk Summary
1 =	10	Failure to deliver economic growth
1 =	11	Failure to improve health
2	3	Failure to manage the Council's assets in a proactive and co-ordinated
		way

(Please refer to Appendix A to see more details of these risks)

Actions and target dates to strengthen controls for each risk have been identified and agreed with Risk Owners and key contacts for each risk. Progress will be monitored and reported to future meetings.

It should be noted that the Council's risk register reflects current economic circumstances, reductions in government funding and their impact on the Council and its activities.

4. RATIONALE

The Council recognises that risk management is not simply a compliance issue, but rather it is a way of viewing its operations with a significant impact on long-term viability. Risk management helps to demonstrate openness, integrity and accountability in all of the Council's activities. It also benefits how we operate.

Risk management is an on-going process and requires review and monitoring.

As stated in the Corporate Risk Management Strategy the Audit Committee will receive a summarised quarterly report setting out progress against corporate risk management action plans.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications arising from this report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

The Corporate Risk Register has been updated and reviewed by the relevant risk owners and key contact officers.

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