

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 December 2015
Subject:	Corporate Risk Register
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Executive Summary:

The Corporate Risk Register was re-introduced in 2014 and was originally reported through the performance management framework which is reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Audit Committee has within its Terms of Reference the responsibility to monitor the effective development and operation of risk management, hence why the register is now presented to the Audit Committee.

Recommendation:

To CONSIDER the Risk Register and the risks contained within it.

Reasons for Recommendation:

Risk management is an important part of the Council's assurance framework. The Risk Register is a mechanism to demonstrate that key corporate risks are recognised and managed. The Audit Committee has within its Terms of Reference the responsibility to monitor the effective development and operation of risk management.

Resource Implications:

None.

Legal Implications:

None.

Risk Management Implications:

If a sound risk management framework is in place then this will help deliver the Council's priorities and key projects.

Performance Management Follow-up:

The register will be a 'live' document and updates will be provided to the Audit Committee at each of its meetings.

Environmental Implications:

None.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 The Corporate Risk Register was originally reported through the performance management framework which is reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Audit Committee has within its Terms of Reference the responsibility to monitor the effective development and operation of risk management, hence why the register is now presented to the Audit Committee.

2.0 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

2.1 The Risk Register was re-introduced in 2014 and reported to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 September 2014. The register was first reported to Audit Committee on 10 December 2014. The Corporate Governance Group oversees the Council's overall risk management arrangements. The register is a corporate document and has been endorsed by the Corporate Leadership Team. The register can be found at Appendix 1.

2.2 The register is a live document and, as such, risk descriptions may change in time, new risks emerge and current risks mitigated. Any changes to the register will be notified to the Audit Committee; a report will be brought to each Committee. Changes to the register since the last update are shown in bold.

2.3 Corporate related risks are formally discussed at monthly management team meetings with operational related risks forming part of normal business dialogue within service areas. The Risk Register is a high level summary document; risks relating to project type activities such as the Joint Core Strategy and new leisure centre are supported by more detailed project risk registers.

2.4 The risk management framework, including the Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register, is programmed for review during the course of 2015/16. This will be supported with training for relevant Officers and Members. With regards to reviewing the Risk Management Strategy, this has been briefly discussed at Transform Working Group. There are indicators from the Transform Working Group of a shift in the risk appetite of the Council, for example, through the exploration of commercial opportunities. The new strategy should reflect this.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 None.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 None

5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

5.1 Risk Management Strategy

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

6.1 None.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

7.1 None unless there are any specific risks identified.

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/

Environment)

- 8.1** None unless there are any specific risks identified.
- 9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)**
- 9.1** Risk management will help deliver the priorities of the Council.
- 10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS**
- 10.1** None.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Corporate Risk Register