



REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 10 MAY 2016

SUBJECT: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE

BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

1. REASONS FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Policy and Resources Committee with the latest copy of the Corporate Risk Register for review and comment.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (A) 39 of the council's Scheme of Administration relating to risk management.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Committee is asked to consider and approve the updated Corporate Risk Register dated March 2016.**

3. REPORT

- 3.1 In line with the council's policy on risk management, the Corporate Risk Register is reviewed and updated by the Corporate Management Team on a semi-annual basis, and thereafter submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for review and comment. Much of what is contained in the risk register is already known and reported upon elsewhere. What the updating exercise does is provide the Chief Executive and Corporate Directors with time to reflect on how the main risks facing the council are being managed, and consider whether existing measures to mitigate risks have either fulfilled their purpose and can be deleted; remain current and are being applied as intended, or alternatively constitute new mitigation measures to be applied going forward.
- 3.2 There are few changes to the left hand columns of the latest risk register provided as **Appendix 1**. The principal risks identified some time ago under one of eight generic headings for the most part remain present and challenging, and thus require continuing senior management input to mitigate risks on key areas including community planning, working with partners and managing the council's finances. It is again worth noting that the purpose of the review process is to manage risk to a tolerable level, and recognise that risk mitigation measures will not eliminate risks completely in most cases.

- 3.3 The main revisions to the risk register since it was last considered at the meeting of this committee on 27 October 2015 (para. 7 of the Minute refers) are summarised as follows:

Risk No.	Risk Description	Risk score/basis for change
1.1	Political priorities not achieved.	Residual risk score has increased from 9 to 16 in light of recent events relative to council tax setting and voting on key policy decisions.
2.1	The current economic climate places additional strain on the Council's resources.	Residual risk score has been elevated from 16 to the highest score of 25 given that the council has recognised the need for substantial service reductions and that, until such time as these are achieved, the financial risks to the council will remain very high.
2.4	Savings requiring to be made by Community Planning partners adversely impact on council services and budgets	The residual risk score here has been reduced from 16 elevated to 9 neutral reflecting the role that the Health and Social Care IJB now has in considering local issues in relation to funding of public services in Moray.

4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

- (a) **Moray 2023: A Plan for the Future/Service Plan**
Effective risk management practices are necessary to evidence how the Council identifies and addresses any issues that may impact on its ability to deliver its stated priorities and plans.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
Effective risk management practice is an essential component of good governance.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**
The review and updating of the corporate risk register involves the Corporate Management Team assisted by the Internal Audit Manager who has oversight of the council's risk management arrangements.
- (d) **Equalities**
No issues arising directly from the content of this report.
- (e) **Consultations**
The Corporate Management Team has considered and updated the corporate risk register.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Following its review and updating by CMT, the Committee is asked to consider and approve the latest Corporate Risk Register dated March 2016.**

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