

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>AUDIT &amp; GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b> <b>2 February 2023</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Corporate Risk Register</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Jane West Corporate Director Resources &amp; S151 Officer</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>	<b>Councillor Jason Cummings, Cabinet Member for Finance</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b>	
<p>As part of the Audit &amp; Governance Committee's role of overseeing the risk management framework and receiving assurance that significant corporate (Red) risks are identified and mitigated by the organisation, this report accompanies the appendix document which presents those risks recorded as 'high rated' or RED on the corporate risk register as at January 2023.</p> <p>In line with the Council's commitment to openness and transparency, the corporate risk report will appear in Part A of the agenda unless there is specific justification for any individual entries being considered under Part B (set out under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).</p>	
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY:</b> No additional direct financial implications.	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.:</b> N/A	

## 1.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

Note the contents of the corporate risk register as at January 2023

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report updates the Audit & Governance Committee Members on the corporate risk register (the register) as at January 2023.

### **3. DETAIL**

#### **Risk Register Report**

- 3.1 The register presented details all the current corporate risks rated at a total risk score of 20 and above (Red Risks).
- 3.2 Since the register was last considered by Members in October all Q3 reviews have been signed off on the JCAD risk system. Risk reviews on a quarterly basis with the Corporate Director are being informed/assured by Directors having signed off on their risks. This is in addition to a review of all red risks at CMT. Further work is being done with risk owners with a particular focus on future control measures and review dates for future controls (risk improvements) and future risk ratings. This is where the registers could be further improved and where we are concentrating effort.
- 3.3 The following risks have been escalated to red status since the last review by Members:
- ASC0037 Impact of operational changes re Metropolitan Police S135 interventions
  - CIC0012 Contract management & supply chain challenges for council
  - CDS0003 Croydon Digital Services systems failure
  - FIR0061 Croydon Affordable Housing /Croydon Affordable Tenures Lease Accounting
  - VRN0055 Leisure services contract with GLL
- 3.4 The following risks have been de-escalated from red status since the last review by Members.
- ED0003 Schools in financial deficit
  - HSI0024 Capital investment on HRA estate
  - CDS0007 ICT Disaster Recovery arrangements
  - VRN0024 Domestic Abuse
- 3.5 In line with the Council's commitment to openness and transparency, the register will appear with the corporate risk report in Part A of the agenda unless, in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution there is specific justification for any individual entries being considered under Part B (set out under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).
- 3.6 It should be noted that some of the grounds for exemption from public access are absolute. However, for others such as that in para.3, 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)', deciding in which part of the agenda they will appear, is subject to the further test of whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the

public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no additional financial considerations arising from this report.

(Approved by Nish Popat Interim Head of Finance Resources on behalf of Interim Director of Finance)

#### **5. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The Head of Litigation and Corporate Law comments on behalf of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer that the Audit and Governance Committee is required by its terms of reference to monitor the effective development and operation of the Council's risk management arrangements, to monitor progress in addressing risk-related issues reported to the Committee, and to provide independent assurance to the Council of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. Therefore, periodic updates on the Corporate Risk Register are provided to assist Members with this responsibility.
- 5.2 Separately, the management of risk has a direct impact on the Council's ability to deliver its functions in a manner which promotes economy, efficiency and effectiveness. Therefore, the consideration of this report also seeks to demonstrate the Council's compliance with its Best Value Duty under the Local Government Act 1999.
- 5.3 Under Regulation 3 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council must ensure that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions and the achievement of its aims and objectives, ensures that the financial and operational management of the authority is effective, and includes effective arrangements for the management of risk. This report also seeks to demonstrate compliance with these legal duties.

(Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Stephen Lawrence-Orumwense)

#### **6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

- 6.1 There are no immediate human resource considerations arising from this report for LBC employees or staff.  
Any impacts arising will be managed under the Council's HR policies and procedures.

(Approved by: Gillian Bevan, Head of HR – Resources and Assistant Chief Executives on behalf of Dean Shoesmith, Chief People Officer)

**7. EQUALITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CRIME AND DISORDER  
REDUCTION IMPACTS**

7.1 None

**8. RISK ASSESSMENT**

8.1 No further risk issues other than those detailed in the report.

**9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

9.1 Information contained in the Council's Risk Register or held in relation to the Council's risk management procedures may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act subject to the application of any relevant exemptions, such as commercial sensitivity and whether disclosure was in the 'public interest'.

**10. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

**10.1. WILL THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT INVOLVE THE PROCESSING  
OF 'PERSONAL DATA'?**

No.

No personal data is processed as part of the production of the Corporate Risk Register.

**10.2. HAS A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT (DPIA) BEEN  
COMPLETED?**

No.

Not applicable as no personal data is processed as part of the production of the Corporate Risk Register

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Appendix 1 Corporate Risk Register  
Appendix 2 Risk Scoring Matrix