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Subject:	RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on progress made with regard to risk management since the Audit Committee on 5 January 2010. The report aims to support members in discharging their responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of risk management across the organisation.
- 1.2 Progress on risk management requires to be monitored because of its importance to the Council's Corporate Governance Framework.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Since the last Audit Committee report, the following key tasks have been undertaken:
- The Corporate Risk Management Group met on 12 January 2010 to discuss various matters including service risk registers, business continuity planning and to review progress made in embedding risk management across the Council. The Group also agreed the action plan to embed risk management across the Council in line with the Audit Scotland Toolkit which has been developed as part of BV2.
 - Risk management input has been provided to the Roads Asset Management Plan and the General Election process.
 - Service business continuity plans have now been drafted for relevant services. A meeting has taken place with the Joint Civil Contingencies Service to progress the finalisation of the plans including the scheduling of rehearsal testing.
 - A training course has been organised for members of the Crisis and Resilience Management Team on business continuity. The course will be held on 2 March 2010 and will include business continuity co-ordinators from East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire Councils.
- 2.2 Future actions will include:
- Embedding a regular review and update process for Corporate and Service Risk Registers and, in particular, how planned mitigating actions are being implemented and when they are due to be implemented.
 - Reviewing corporate, directorate and service risk registers to determine the overall approach to risk management ensuring strategic and operational risks are correctly aligned and appropriate reporting mechanisms are in place.
 - To fully embed the process in the wider strategic planning and performance management framework.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members agree to note the progress on risk management in the period since the Audit Committee meeting in January 2010.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 There have been increasing pressures for public sector bodies to adopt formalised approaches to risk management.
- 4.2 In its Code of Practice, Audit Scotland makes it clear that the audited bodies are responsible for developing systems of internal control, including risk management, and for conducting annual reviews of the effectiveness of the system of internal control.
- 4.3 The Council has developed a Risk Management Strategy which will deliver a consistent, effective framework and approach for managing risks across the organisation at all levels and support the achievement of the corporate outcomes.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Legal: None
Finance: None
Personnel: None
Equalities: None

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 Discussions have taken place with relevant officers in the review and update of risk registers.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Annual Risk Management Report 2008/2009. By Andi Priestman. Chief Internal Auditor.
- 7.2 Corporate, Directorate and Service risk registers. Available from Andi Priestman. Chief Internal Auditor.
- 7.3 Risk Management Strategy. Approved by Members June 2007.