
Report To:	Audit Committee	Date:	22 October 2013
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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 meeting of the Audit Committee on 27 August 2013. 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:-
 - Risk workshops have been facilitated for CHCP and Education Services. Existing service risk registers are being reviewed with Services; and
 - An initial meeting has been held with the new Civil Contingencies Unit Liaison Officer for the Council and a timetable has been agreed for review and update of the Council's existing business continuity plans and the development of business continuity plans in relation to Education Services.
- 2.2 Work is ongoing to implement the action plan to align the Council's procedures with best practice guidance on risk management processes and practices.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members agree to note the progress on risk management in the period since the meeting of the Audit Committee on 27 August 2013.

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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 2012/2013. 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 March 2010.