

DECISION-MAKER:	Governance Committee		
SUBJECT:	Strategic Risk Register		
DATE OF DECISION:	12 th November 2018		
REPORT OF:	Director Finance and Commercialisation		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
n/a			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
The Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring that an adequate and effective framework for the identification and management of key risks is in place and that appropriate action is being taken to manage risk. The Strategic Risk Assurance Report details the council's key strategic risks identified together with an assessment of the adequacy of controls in place to manage the risks and any further required actions.			
RECOMMENDATIONS: The Governance Committee is asked to			
	(i)	Note the process in place in respect of the identification, management and review of the Council's strategic risks (as summarised in paragraphs 4. – 9.).	
	(ii)	Note the Strategic Risk Assurance Report 2018-19 (Appendix 1)	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	This report is presented to the Governance Committee as the member body responsible for providing independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control and reporting environment.		
2.	In addition, the Committee needs to satisfy itself that appropriate action is being taken on risk and internal control related issues identified by the internal and external auditors and other review and inspection bodies.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
3.	No alternative options have been considered		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
4.	The council has a structured approach to managing its' key strategic risks which requires that, on an annual basis, the Council Management Team ("CMT") considers and identifies the key strategic risks for the forthcoming annual period. This meeting took place in May 2018.		
5.	The identification of the council's strategic risks by CMT is informed by a review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2017-18 Strategic Risks in terms of whether they are still relevant and appropriate; 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Risk Registers of the '10 Core Cities Group' (where publically available) in order to compare, contrast and benchmark the council's strategic risks against these peer authorities; • The 'Southampton City Council Strategy 2016-2020' in terms of key risks associated with the delivery of council outcomes and priorities; • Any significant service or operational risks arising from internal or external inspection reports, or identified by Service Directors, that are appropriate to be escalated to the Strategic Risk Assurance Report for CMT oversight; • Any significant new or emerging risks, arising from either internal or external factors such as new legislation.
6.	The Strategic Risks are then reviewed and updated by the identified risk owner on a quarterly basis. The 'end of quarter' position is then reported to CMT for noting and review. CMT would also consider any new or emerging risks and hence the total number of strategic risks may vary during the course of the year.
7.	It should also be noted that a review of Cabinet Member Briefings has recently been undertaken and it has been agreed that as part of CMBs the Cabinet Member should receive an annual update on the risks relevant to their portfolio and then by exception.
8.	The report format is intended to present the risks in an accessible way and to prompt an informed discussion as to whether the type and range of 'actions/controls in place' are appropriate and whether the associated 'levels of assurance' are acceptable. It also provides a 'direction of travel' in terms of how the risks are being managed over the period.
9.	The format of the Strategic Risk Assurance Report is incrementally developed to ensure that it continues to meet the business need.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
10.	Any resource implications as a result of actions required to mitigate the risks need to be taken into account when setting the budget each financial year. The Medium Term Financial Strategy includes a section which sets out the sums allocated within reserves and balances to mitigate these risks where required.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
11.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 Part 2 Section 3A(c) require the Council to have in place a 'sound system of internal control which includes effective arrangements for the management of risk'.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
13.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
14.	There are no significant risks in relation to the report itself noting that the appendix provides detailed information in respect of how the identified key strategic risks are being managed

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
15.	None	
KEY DECISION?	No	
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Strategic Risk Assurance Report 2018/19 - Q2	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	