

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	AUDIT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	RISK MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN AND REVIEW OF STRATEGY		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	23 JUNE 2011		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES		
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#### **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

NOT APPLICABLE

#### **SUMMARY**

In accordance with the Council's 'Risk Management Strategy' document an annual report shall be presented to the Audit Committee summarising achievements and outlining the planned activities for the forthcoming year.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Audit Committee is asked to:-

- (i) Note and approve the Risk Management Action Plan for 2011-12 (Appendix 1);
- (ii) Note the Risk Management Action Plan 2010-11: Status Report (Appendix 2);
- (iii) Note the Risk Management Strategy 2011-12 (Appendix 3).

#### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. This report is presented to the Audit Committee in their capacity as the member body with responsibility for providing independent assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control and reporting environment, including (but not limited to) the reliability of the financial reporting process and the annual governance statement.
2. The Audit Committee is also responsible for providing assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee 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.

#### **CONSULTATION**

3. The development of the action plan has been informed by discussions with the Management Board of Directors in the course of reviewing and updating the Strategic Risk Register.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

4. No alternative options have been considered.

#### **DETAIL**

5. Effective management of risk is a key component of the Council's overall corporate governance arrangements, and is recognised as such in:-
  - The CIPFA/SOLACE Corporate Governance Framework; and
  - CIPFA's guidance on the Annual Governance Statement
6. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 also state that the Council is "responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk".
7. The 2011-12 Risk Management Action Plan is intended to encompass the range of actions considered necessary to ensure that existing good practice is maintained and, where appropriate, to build upon or develop robust risk management arrangements that are aligned with and support the organisation in meeting its objectives
8. The Risk Management Strategy 2010-11 has also been reviewed and updated for 2010-11 (Appendix 3). No significant amendments were considered necessary although the 'roles and responsibilities' section has been updated to reflect the revised management structure.

#### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Capital**

9. NONE

##### **Revenue**

10. NONE

##### **Property**

11. No specific property implications have been identified in this report.

##### **Other**

12. NONE

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

13. The Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 require the Council to adopt Good Governance arrangements in respect of the discharge of its functions. The above arrangements are intended to meet those responsibilities.

##### **Other Legal Implications:**

14. NONE

#### **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

15. NONE

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

### Appendices

1.	Draft Risk Management Action Plan 2011-12
2.	Risk Management Action Plan 2010-11: Status Report
3.	Risk Management Strategy 2011-12

### Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	NONE
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### Background Documents

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	
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**Background documents available for inspection** Internal Audit, Risk and Assurance Office, North Block Basement, Civic Centre

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**KEY DECISION?** N/A **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:** N/A