

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER 2017-18		
DATE OF DECISION:	13 th NOVEMBER 2017		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR: FINANCE & COMMERCIALISATION		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
N/A			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>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.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
The Governance Committee is asked to:			
	(i)	To note the process in place in respect of the identification, management and review of the Council's strategic risks (as summarised in paragraphs 4-8).	
	(ii)	To note the Strategic Risk Assurance Report 2017-18 (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 the Council Management Team ("CMT") consider and identify the key strategic risks for the forthcoming annual period.		
5.	<p>The identification of the council's strategic risks is informed by a review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategic risks identified in the previous period in terms of whether they are still relevant and appropriate; 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Southampton City Council Strategy 2016-2020' in terms of key risks associated with the delivery of council outcomes and priorities; • The Strategic Risk Registers of 'Core Cities' (where available) in order to compare, contrast and benchmark the council's strategic risks against peer authorities; • 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 required to be reviewed and updated by the nominated 'risk owner' on a quarterly basis. This review process is undertaken via either the Strategy or Operations Hub Management Team's as appropriate who review the risks in terms of the controls and mitigating actions that are in place, or are planned. They also consider whether there any new or emerging risks arising from either internal or external factors. The updated 'end of quarter' document is then circulated to CMT for noting.
7.	The 'assurance style' format of the report 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.
8.	The format of the report has been incrementally developed to ensure that it continues to meet the business need, noting that risks are now explicitly aligned to Council's key outcomes and that there is now reference to the portfolio to which the risk applies.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
9.	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>	
10.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
11.	The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 Part 2 Section 3A(c) required 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>	
12.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
13.	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		
14.	None	
KEY DECISION?	No	
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Strategic Risk Assurance Report 2017-18 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
Privacy Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at: N/A		
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	