

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 9TH JANUARY 2018
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PUBLIC PROTECTION, PLANNING AND
GOVERNANCE)**

RISK MANAGEMENT

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report brings to Members' attention the current strategic risks facing the Council, as determined by Executive Board. These risks have been reviewed at the performance clinic in November 2017 and reflect the assessments in place for the half year October 2017 to April 2018.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- Note the attached current Strategic Risk Register, and particularly:
 - Note comments in respect of each risk where shown.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 Appendix A shows the strategic risk register, which was developed following an Executive Board workshop in January 2017. Each strategic risk has ownership by an Executive Director and an Executive Member. Appendix B shows the top operational risks.
- 3.2 The implementation of the new 'Clearview' project management, performance and risk system is progressing and the implementation team have received training. Further training for managers is now underway and following this, the Risk and Resilience Manager will be working with managers to populate and refresh risk registers.

Implications

4 Legal Implication(s)

- 4.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require that "[a] relevant authority must ensure that it has a sound system of internal control which [among other matters] includes effective arrangements for the management of risk."

5 Financial Implication(s)

There are none directly arising from this report, though of course any risk event may have its own financial consequences.

6 Risk Management Implications

6.1 Failing to maintain adequate and effective arrangements for the management of risk may lead to risk events not being foreseen, an inadequate response to a risk event occurring and a failure to exploit opportunities.

7 Security & Terrorism Implication(s)

7.1 None.

8 Procurement Implication(s)

8.1 None.

9 Climate Change Implication(s)

9.1 None.

10 Link to Corporate Priorities

10.1 The subject of this report supports all council priorities in that the effective management of risk is essential to the achievement of objectives.

11 Equality and Diversity

11.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out in connection with the proposals that are set out in this report as it relates purely to monitoring information.

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Appendix A – Strategic Risk Register October2017

Appendix B – Top operational risks October 2017