

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Risk Management Strategy Annual Programme 2014: Progress Report</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>10 March 2015</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Interim Executive Director Finance &amp; Resources</b>		
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**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The Risk Management Strategy 2014-2017 was approved by Policy & Resources Committee in January 2014. The Audit & Standards Committee received a copy of the approved report and enclosures as the Committee has a role to monitor the effectiveness of risk management.
- 1.2 The Risk Management Strategy 2014-2017 set out the Risk Management Programme by year to detail proposed actions over the three year period. This report details progress made on the Risk Management Programme 2014-15 against the identified measures.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That Members note appendix 1 of the report.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Risk Management process aims to bring openness, transparency and consistency in understanding what risks and uncertainties the Council, working with other organisations in the city, is facing. By managing the risk process effectively we will be in a better position to safeguard against potential threats and exploit potential opportunities to improve services and provide better value for money.
- 3.2 The Risk Management Strategy 2014-2017 set out how risk management will seek to achieve objectives in the following key areas:
  1. Modernising the Council by using risk management
  2. Enable a risk aware culture which manages risks and takes up opportunities
  3. Continually improve and embed risk management into the existing processes of the council
  4. Work to increase the capability of services to plan for unexpected events; meet service expectations; and manage business activities.

- 3.3 To ensure that our risk management approach is an integral part of good management and corporate governance, the Risk Management Function has been moved from the Audit & Business Risk team to the newly established Performance, Improvement and Programmes service (consists of four teams, one of which is Risk Management).
- 3.4 Appendix 1 to this report provides details of progress on the Risk Management Programme 2014-2015.

#### **4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Risk Management Strategy assists the authority in complying with Corporate Governance Standards and contributes to the authority's control and risk management arrangements for the Annual Governance Statement within the Financial Statements.

*Finance Officer Consulted: James Hengeveld Date: 05/02/15*

##### Legal Implications

- 4.2 It is a core function of the Committee to provide assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the council's risk management framework and associated control environment. Scrutiny and examination of progress against the Risk Management Strategy Programme is a legitimate exercise of that function.

*Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon Date: 05/02/15*

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices:**

1. Progress report on the Risk Management Programme 2014-15.

#### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None.

#### **Background Documents**

1. Risk Management Strategy 2014-2017.