Strategic Risk Register - July to September 2012

Code	Title	Description	Current Risk Matrix	Impact	Likelihood	Managed By	Latest Note
	Risk of significant reduction in funding above that planned for, in particular Localisation of Council Tax Support and localisation of business rates.	There is uncertainty around future funding, both from Government and other areas such as income from commodities markets for recycled materials. There are cost pressures combined with an increased awareness and scrutiny of financial position.	pood Hinda and Andread and Andre Andread and Andread and Andre Andread and Andread and Andre	3	3		July - September 2012: Latest Medium Term Financial Plan reflects funding risks.
12 - SR2	capability and flexibility to deliver service levels we	There are challenges around workforce planning to ensure the Council is fit for the future, in terms of workforce skills, capacity and flexibility.	Likelihood Impact	4	3	Director of Finance and Support Services	July – September 2012: No change in status.
12 - SR3	Risk that supplier / contractor or key third sector partner fails or fails to deliver.	A number of key external and internal services are delivered through major contracts, both directly and in consortia. This is both through private sector supply chains and in conjunction with the voluntary and third sector.	Likelihood	3	2	George A Robertson	July - September 2012: No service delivery or financial concerns about main contractors. Planned mitigating action: Telephone system fault to be rectified. (Calls dropping out).
12 - SR4	Risk that investment and effort does not deliver benefits and returns in Shared Services	Moving more towards shared services with other public sector partners. Potential for lack of consistent political buy-in by all partners resulting in considerable effort without benefit. There is also a challenging skill set for managers due to the complexity.	Impact	3	3	Director of Finance and Support Services	July – September 2012: Detailed business case to go to members on 28 November 2012. Training and support will be provided to managers to ensure they have the skill set.

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12 - SR5	There is uncertainty on overall future government policy and a number of changes required without accompanying resource.	Risk of being unable to long term strategically plan.	Tikelihood Impact	2	3	Simon Drinkwater	July - September 2012: Risks arising from changes in government policy are identified and reported to Corporate Management Team. The reduction in Council Tax benefit and the introduction of universal credit are issues which are currently being considered. The community infrastructure levy will be considered once the report on the issue is available. The Council has responded to the changes in planning resulting from the introduction of the new framework and other changes arising from the Localism Act.
	Risk that SMG does not implement Council policies in a coherent and consistent way.	There could be a lack of consistency and cohesion at senior management levels of implementing decisions.	Likelihood Impact	4	1	Simon Drinkwater	July - September 2012: Corporate Management Team meets fortnightly. Part of the role of CMT is to ensure consistency in implementing decisions. Directors discuss the implementation of decisions with Heads of Service and other managers to ensure consistency of approach. Departmental Management Team meetings convey details of decisions to relevant staff. Directors are responsible for ensuring that decisions are implemented correctly.
12 -		Reduced levels of service across the Authority. Targets may not be achieved. Staff morale and reputation of Council may suffer. Influence of ITSG should reduce risks	Likelihood	4	4	Director of Finance and Support Services	July – September 2012: Additional resources have been allocated to ICT to ensure service is improved.

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12 - 5R8	Data Protection: Failure to comply with the data protection principles. The potential disclosure of personal data inappropriately.	Action may be taken by the ICO. Individuals may suffer if their personal data, particularly sensitive personal data is disclosed.	Likelihood Likelihood Impact	3	3	George A Robertson	July - September 2012: All staff undertaking on line data protection training. An improved data protection framework and programme is under development. Planned mitigating actions: Services to develop data protection risk assessments through the service planning process which builds on the audit of data protection compliance. Will be monitored through the risk management process.