

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
24 JULY 2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF STRATEGIC FINANCE AND PROPERTY

RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To advise Members of the proposed content of the Strategic Risk Register for 2018 / 19.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: That:</u>	
(A)	Members review the content of the Strategic Risk Register and the Executive be advised of any amendments, additions or deletions proposed.

1.0 Background

1.1 During 2017/18 it was agreed that an annual risk report would be submitted with updates received on an exception basis only rather than reports being submitted four times per year, accompanied by the Strategic Risk register. This is the first annual report received by the committee.

2.0 Report

2.1 In the past the Strategic Risk Register has been updated quarterly and reports submitted four times a year to this committee and then to the Executive. However during 2017/18 it was agreed that only an annual risk report would be submitted with updates provided on an exception basis, i.e. a material change such as a new risk being identified or a score changing. The committee no longer receives the full Strategic Risk Register with details of controls implemented or proposed, although risks, including controls, can still be viewed on the council’s performance management system Pentana Performance. www.covalentcpm.com/eastherts (The system has been rebranded although the web link remains in the original name of Covalent). This change was reflected in the Risk Management Strategy considered at the meeting on 13 March 2018. The next exception report, which will feature within the financial health check, is due at the meeting on 4 September 2018.

2.2 The council’s Leadership Team has reviewed and updated the content of the Strategic Risk Register for 2018/19. The proposed content can be found at **Essential Reference Paper ‘B’**.

2.3 No new risks have been identified. Two risks have been deleted. No scores have changed although a few descriptions have been updated and these changes are summarised below:

2017/18 reference and summary of title		2018/19 reference and comment	
1a	Significant funding reduction	1a	Description updated
1b	Business rate income reduction	1b	No change
2	Capacity and capability to deliver services	2	Description updated
3	Supplier or contractor	3	No change

	fails to deliver		
4	Alternate service delivery models	4	No change
5a	Data breach	5a	No change
5b	Cyber risk	5b	No change
6	Impact of Housing and Planning Act	N/a	Deleted as now considered to be an operational risk (that will be monitored by Leadership Team only)
7	District Plan	6	Description updated
8	Significant development proposals at strategic sites	7	No change
9	Digital East Herts	8	Budget shortfall added to description
10	Safeguarding children	9	No change
11	Safeguarding adults	10	No change
12	Economic vitality	11	Reference to economic vision added to description
13	Emergency planning	12	No change
14	Devolution	N/a	This risk was deleted during 2017/18 due to limited interest across the County
15	Referendum vote to leave EU	13	No change
16	Old River lane	14	No change

- 2.4 It is likely that the leisure design, build, operate and maintain contract will be added to the Strategic Risk Register in the near future.
- 2.5 Leadership Team will soon develop and monitor a high-level operational risk register. Members will also be able to view these risks, including controls that have been introduced or are planned, on the performance management system.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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