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| <b>Body:</b>              | AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  |
| <b>Date:</b>              | 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2013   |
| <b>Subject:</b>           | Risk Management   |
| <b>Report Of:</b>         | Internal Audit Manager  |
| <b>Ward(s)</b>            | All   |
| <b>Purpose</b>            | To provide a report on the updating of the Strategic Risk Register and changes made to it.  |
| <b>Recommendation(s):</b> | To consider and agree the amended Strategic Risk Register.  |
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## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The terms of reference for the Audit and Governance Committee include the following: Review the effectiveness of the Council's arrangements for identifying and managing risks, internal control environment and corporate governance arrangements.
- 1.2 It has been agreed that the Strategic Risk Register need only be reported to Committee when there are any changes made.

## **2.0 Quarterly review of Strategic Risk Register**

- 2.1. The Strategic Risk Register was taken to Corporate Management Team on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 for the regular quarterly review.
- 2.2. One item was raised concerning risk SR\_006. The first mitigating action listed for this risk is "Regularly reviewed and tested Business Continuity Plans". It was discussed that currently this control is not in place.
- 2.3. It was therefore agreed that the current impact score should be raised from 3 (significant) to 4 (major). However the level of alert remains at Amber.
- 2.4. Corporate Management Team commented that as the authority is currently in a time of transition, it would not be expected that the testing of Business Continuity Plans would be carried out regularly as expected.
- 2.5. The updated Strategic Risk Register is appended to this report.

## **3.0 Consultation**

- 3.1 Corporate Management Team.

#### **4.0 Resource Implications**

- 4.1 Financial – Delivered within the approved budget for Internal Audit
- 4.2 Staffing – None directly as a result of this report, staff are engaged in risk matters on an ongoing basis.

#### **5.0 Other Implications**

- 5.1 None

#### **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 To consider and agree the amended Strategic Risk Register.

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#### **Background Papers:**

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

*None*

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