
Subject:	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER
Meeting and Date:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 2 DECEMBER 2021
Report of:	DEMOCRATIC & CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER
Classification:	UNRESTRICTED

Purpose of the report:	To provide the Governance Committee with an update on the Corporate Risk Register.
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Recommendation:	That the report be noted.
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1. Summary

The Corporate Risk Register identifies and records the strategic risks that may affect both the delivery of core functions and the delivery of the Corporate Plan. All corporate risks have been assigned mitigation measures which enable the Council to take the appropriate approach to managing them. Risks are identified and assessed on an ongoing basis throughout the year and the Corporate Risk Register in its entirety is reviewed by Corporate Management Team every six months.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 The Governance Committee at its meeting held on 29 July 2021 considered the Annual Internal Audit Report. As part of this, the East Kent Audit Partnership (EKAP) made comments in respect of the Corporate Risk Register that prompted the Governance Committee to request that it be presented to them.

2.2 While the Committee have a clear role in ensuring the effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements, it is considered that the function of detailed consideration of the risks themselves sits more appropriately with the Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It is acknowledged, however, that at present neither the Cabinet nor the Overview and Scrutiny Committee see the Corporate Risk Register on a regular basis.

2.3 However, there is now a proposal to change this approach and there has been ongoing work by the Head of Leadership Support in respect of the new Performance Report and the creation of a new Strategic Dashboard. This will be relevant to how Members are made aware of the strategic and high-level corporate risks and will give opportunity for the scrutiny of these risks. As part of the new Dashboard, which is expected for the start of the financial year 2022/23, there will be a section on corporate risks. This should assuage the concerns of the members of the Governance Committee and deal with the points raised by EKAP over the process for Member scrutiny of these risks as the report will go to the Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis.

2.4 This report brings forward a copy of the latest version of the Corporate Risk Register for information.

3. Identification of Options

3.1 Option 1: To note the Corporate Risk Register.

3.2 Option 2: To take another action, including not noting the Corporate Risk Register.

4. Evaluation of Options

- 4.1 Option 1 is the recommended option. This fulfils the request of the Governance Committee made at its meeting held in July 2021 and recognises that arrangements are in place for regular Member scrutiny of Corporate Risks through the updated Performance Report.
- 4.2 Option 2 is not the recommended option. The scrutiny of Corporate Risks will be undertaken by the Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis from 2022/23.
- 5. **Resource Implications**
 - 5.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.
- 6. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**
 - 6.1 There are no significant climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.
- 7. **Appendices**
 - Appendix 1 – Corporate Risk Register
- 8. **Background Papers**
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