

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT BOARD**

**20th SEPTEMBER 2012**

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**CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Roger Hollingworth
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas
Wards Affected	<b>All</b>
Ward Councillor Consulted	None specific

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 To provide members of the Audit Board with an opportunity to consider the Corporate Risk Register and consider the current arrangements for risk management within the Council.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **The Board is asked to note the report, subject to any comments.**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The development and monitoring of the Corporate Risk register has been undertaken by officers. The appropriate management of risk ensures that the Council mitigates financial consequences of issues arising within a managed framework.
- 3.2 The Corporate Risk Register recognises the need to monitor the budget to ensure that the Council is able to deliver services within the budget allocated. In addition all reports to members include a section requiring officers to consider the financial implications of any proposals.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.3 A robust risk management framework will support the Council in delivering its services in a compliant way and therefore reducing the opportunity of legal challenge..

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.4 The Corporate Risk Register attached at Appendix 1 has been developed and agreed by the Corporate Management Team in consideration of potential risks that may affect the Council.
- 3.5 The risks previously included in the Corporate Risk Register have been assessed to ensure that they are relevant to be managed at a

Corporate level. A number of these risks are to be addressed at departmental level to ensure that there is clarity within the staff as to the impact of the risk on their service area. An example would include failure to deliver on the Council's procurement agenda which clearly sits within the finance and resources department.

- 3.6 In addition to the corporate risks, all reports to Members include a section for the consideration of any risk implications arising from the proposals contained within the report. In addition risks in relation to shared services are for reported to the Shared Services Board for Members consideration.
- 3.7 Officers are currently developing departmental risk registers with the aim to present the key issues on these to the Board on a quarterly basis. Risks are currently managed at Departmental Management Level however it is considered to be important for the key issues to be reviewed at Member level.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.8 Failure to manage the risks contained with the Corporate Risk Register could have implications for customers.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The consideration and management of risk is good practice for any organisation. Risks need to be considered in order that they can be monitored and action taken to minimise the impact on the organisation. The aim of the risk management process is to encourage a downward shift from Very High to High and then to Medium/Low risk status through the continued effort of service managers in managing their risks to bring them down to a corporately acceptable level.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Corporate Risk Register

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A

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