

## Risk Report Appendix 6

Report for 2018-2019

Filtered by Flag: Include: \* CRR 5+ / 15+

For MDDC - Services

Filtered by Performance Status: Exclude Risk Status: Low

Not Including Risk Child Projects records or Mitigating Action records

Key to Performance Status:

Risks: No Data (0+) High (15+) Medium (6+) Low (1+)

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**Risk: Affordable and Council Housing Demand** Housing supply does not meet local demand or reflect demographic shifts like increased demand for single occupancy

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

- Increased costs for paying for private accommodation to house homeless
- Increase in number of homeless people in Mid Devon

**Causes (Likelihood):**

- Impact of economic downturn and reduced funding has reduced number of affordable housing units being built
- Under-occupation in existing stock
- Reduction in number of Right to Buys results in less HRA funding available for new builds

**Service: Housing Services**

**Current Status: Medium (12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

**Service Manager: Claire Fry**

**Review Note:** There is still a significant deficit between permissions granted and build-out rates

**Risk: Asset Management** • The Council may not be optimising its portfolio of assets

- Assets purchased without prior approval may not be supported by Council policies and systems
- Misuse of assets could have a financial impact to the Council
- Inadequate inventory records could invalidate insurance claims, disrupt the business continuity process and hide instances of theft
- Failure to maintain the Asset Management Strategy could result in an inefficient use of resources

Not making a commercial ROI

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

- Theft of stocks and stores

**Causes (Likelihood):**

- Mismanagement of stocks and stores

**Service: Property Services**

**Current Status: Medium (12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 3 - Medium**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High**

**Service Manager: Andrew Busby**

**Review Note:** Capital Asset Management Strategy 2016-2020 on the website

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### **Risk: Car Parks** Car Park Overcrowding

#### Effects (Impact/Severity):

#### Causes (Likelihood):

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: Medium  
(12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 -  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

Service Manager: Darren Beer

#### Review Note:

### **Risk: Commercial Land supply** Failure to identify commercial land supply will stunt economic growth

#### Effects (Impact/Severity):

#### Causes (Likelihood):

Service: Planning

**Current Status: High  
(15)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

Service Manager: Jenny Clifford

#### Review Note:

### **Risk: Contingency - Business Continuity** The Council fails to have an effective Business Continuity Plan in place that is up-to-date and complements the Emergency Plan, Disaster Recovery Plan and Risk Management Plan leading to service failure and loss in reputation.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

- Staff are not enabled or adequately prepared to deal with incidents in the event that senior managers are unavailable
- Poor management of a major incident will affect the Council's reputation
- There is a risk to decision-making processes and maintaining quorate committees in the event of loss of Members.
- Software Failure, leading to potential inability to pay staff, creditors, benefits etc and inability to access key data affecting service delivery and customer experience
- Increase in workforce homeworking

**Causes (Likelihood):**

- Severe weather including snow, flooding and heatwaves can cause disruption to normal service operation
- Severe space weather can cause disruption to a range of technologies and infrastructure, including communications systems, electronic circuits and power grids.
- Fuel strikes
- Industrial action

Failure to plan for this and implement contingency procedures will affect service delivery.

Service: Governance

**Current Status: Medium  
(12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 -  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

Service Manager: Catherine Yandle

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**Review Note:** Use of Business Continuity Template from DEPS launched in December and published on SharePoint for use

**Risk: Corp RA - Recycling Income** Reduction in material income levels due to market forces.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

**Service: Street Scene Services**

**Current Status: Medium  
(12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 -  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

**Service Manager: Stuart Noyce**

**Review Note:** With China banning imports of recycling materials in the New Year this risk is currently at a higher level

**Risk: Council Finances - Banking Arrangements** Problems with banks and online services may affect ability to access funds when we need to send or receive / process payments on a timely basis

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** Unable to promptly pay suppliers or treasury commitments

**Causes (Likelihood):** ICT systems down at Council or Bank so impossible to review cash position or make urgent payments

**Service: Financial Services**

**Current Status: No  
Data**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 1 - Very  
Low**

**Service Manager: Andrew Jarrett**

**Review Note:** We use a well established, mainstream bank headquartered in the UK and so it is very unlikely that our banking arrangements will fail for as much as a single day.

**Risk: Council Finances - Investments** Failure to invest in the Council's funds in an efficient and effective manner may cause potential of a loss of monies invested

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** • Could result in cash flow loss of up to £3M

**Causes (Likelihood):** • Future banking collapses

**Service: Financial Services**

**Current Status: No  
Data**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 1 - Very  
Low**

**Service Manager: Andrew Jarrett**

**Review Note:**

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**Risk: Council Finances - Treasury Management** Failure to comply with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management /local authority accounting would be a breach in statutory duty

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Financial Services

Current Status: No Data

Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High

Current Risk Likelihood: 1 - Very Low

Service Manager: Andrew Jarrett

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Dangerous Equipment** Risks associated with using powered equipment and machinery or that which has moving parts eg fans, woodworking machines, abrasive wheels. Also risks with using powered portable tools eg electric drill, off-hand grinders as well as manual tools eg knife, guillotine. There are risks that some equipment may produce electromagnetic interference with pace-makers.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** High if no PPE worn or risk assessments not followed

**Causes (Likelihood):** medium if procedures followed.

Service: Property Services

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Andrew Busby

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Decline in National economics** A decline in national economics could result in level of influence by local government being limited and having little or no impact on local economic activity

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** High - Inability to meet Council objectives, customer requirements or financial commitments

**Causes (Likelihood):** High - no control over macro-economics but Council objectives and action plan currently in process to increase local economic activity

Service: Community Development

Current Status: Medium (12)

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: John Bodley-Scott

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Economic Development Service** Failure to promote economic activity within the District will suppress the potential for new jobs and increased prosperity for residents

A continuing economic recession could jeopardise our ability to achieve corporate objective of 'A Thriving Economy'

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**Effects (Impact/Severity):** - Inability to meet Council objectives

- A lack of inward investment
- Uncertain economic recovery, impact on employment and infrastructure development

**Causes (Likelihood):** - Decline in national macro-economics

**Service: Community Development**

**Current Status: Medium (12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

**Service Manager: Adrian Welsh**

**Review Note:** Economic Strategy currently being prepared which will focus the District Council's intervention in a more focused way and will also enable improved monitoring for this risk.

**Risk: Evictions** Tenants being evicted could become violent.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

**Service: Housing Services**

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

**Service Manager: Claire Fry**

**Review Note:** The pre-eviction risk assessment identifies household composition and layout, and any issues such as mental health and drug use relating to the tenant(s) and their families as well as whether or not there are any dogs present at the property.

**Risk: Five year housing land Supply** Risk: Housing land supply. Inability to demonstrate the required 5 year housing land supply (+20% ) until Local Plan Review approved

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** Effects (Impact /severity):

- Receipt of speculative housing applications in unplanned locations with less community benefit and less infrastructure / coordination compared with allocated sites.
- Objections
- Pressure on major application appeal performance (Government indicator of quality of decision making). Risk of intervention: loss of fee and less local control over major application decision making.

**Causes (Likelihood):** - Lack of sufficient housing completions, housing market conditions.

**Service: Planning**

**Current Status: No Data**

**Current Risk Severity: 3 - Medium**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 5 - Very High**

**Service Manager: Jenny Clifford**

**Review Note:** Found to not have sufficient housing supply at appeal. Mitigation principally via new Local Plan once adopted. Close monitoring of applications, decisions and associated appeal performance.

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**Risk: GDPR compliance** That the Council cannot demonstrate that we are prepared for GDPR

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Governance

**Current Status: High  
(15)**

Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Catherine Yandle

**Review Note:** The project team meet weekly, progress is steady

**Risk: H&S RA - Carlu Close Depot** Inherent risk at Carlu Close site - highest scoring risk

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Street Scene Services

**Current Status: High  
(15)**

Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Stuart Noyce

**Review Note:** The risk was reviewed as the result of carbon monoxide levels building up now transfer station work completed. Detailed trials and monitoring plan now in place.

**Risk: H&S RA - Chainsaw Use** Only staff who are NPTC qualified are permitted to use a chainsaw.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Grounds Maintenance

**Current Status: Medium  
(12)**

Current Risk Severity: 4 - High

Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium

Service Manager: Joe Scully

**Review Note:**

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**Risk: H&S RA - First Aid availability** First Aid availability when maintaining green spaces etc. because of the nature of the work which can be in areas of limited access to emergency services and of a high risk all team members should be Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW)

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Grounds Maintenance

**Current Status: Medium (8)** Current Risk Severity: 4 - High Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low

Service Manager: Joe Scully

**Review Note:**

**Risk: H&S RA - Power Take Off (PTO) shaft** That the PTO shaft is not correctly guarded

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Grounds Maintenance

**Current Status: Medium (8)** Current Risk Severity: 4 - High Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low

Service Manager: Joe Scully

**Review Note:**

**Risk: H&S RA - Recycling Depot Operatives** Risk assessment for role - Highest Risks scored - Vehicle Movements inside Depot/Risk of Fire

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Street Scene Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)** Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low

Service Manager: Stuart Noyce

**Review Note:** SSoW/designated walkways/PPE/Reversing Assistants/Equipment servicing. Regular alarm testing and equipment checks/flammable materials outside.

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**Risk: H&S RA - Refuse Driver/Loader** Risk Assessment for Role - Highest risk from role RA. - Risk of RTA from severe weather conditions

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Street Scene Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

Service Manager: Stuart Noyce

**Review Note:** SSoW/Training & Instruction/Mobile phones

**Risk: H&S RA - Street Cleansing Operative** Risk assessment for role - highest risk from role - Risk of accident/injury when working roadside

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Street Scene Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

Service Manager: Stuart Noyce

**Review Note:** SSoW/Induction training /PPE - Hi viz conforming to Class 3 requirements/ No working in peak hours 7am -10am & 4pm - 7pm/Operatives to litter pick facing against traffic/Operatives to be certificated on Chapter 8/Operative to remain alert to traffic at all times/Warning beacons on vehicle/Warning signage must be used in correct locations

**Risk: Hoarding** Some tenants are known hoarders but we have policies in place and we do regular inspections.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Housing Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

Service Manager: Claire Fry

**Review Note:** Staff are trained to respond to such issues and we have a policy setting out our approach to this type of management issue.

**Risk: Homelessness** Insufficient resources to support an increased homeless population could result in failure to meet statutory duty to provide advice and assistance to anyone who is homeless.



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**Effects (Impact/Severity):** - Dissatisfied customers and increase in complaints.

- This will involve an increase in officer time in dealing with Homelessness prevention and early intervention.

- Possible increase in temporary accommodation usage.

**Causes (Likelihood):** - Social and economic factors like the recession and mortgage repossessions increase the number of homeless.

- Lack of private sector housing.

**Service: Housing Services**

**Current Status: High (16)**    **Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**    **Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High**

**Service Manager: Claire Fry**

**Review Note:** Homelessness strategy to be reviewed early 2018.

**Risk: Impact of Welfare Reform and other emerging National Housing Policy** Changes to benefits available to tenants could impact upon their ability to pay.

Other initiatives could impact upon our ability to deliver our 30 year Business Plan.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

**Service: Housing Services**

**Current Status: High (15)**    **Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

**Service Manager: Claire Fry**

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Information Security** Inadequate Information Security could lead to breaches of confidential information, damaged or corrupted data and ultimately Denial of Service. If the council fails to have an effective information strategy in place.

Risk of monetary penalties and fines, and legal action by affected parties

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

**Service: I C T**

**Current Status: High (20)**    **Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 4 - High**

**Service Manager: Alan Keates**

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Legionella** Legionella

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

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Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: High  
(15)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

Service Manager: Darren Beer

**Review Note:** Following the adverse sampling for Legionella at LMLC and subsequent review of risk assessment the score has been increased due to a failure in the management processes. Corporate Property are responsible for carrying through the action points raised in the safety review carried out by the Health and Safety Officer

**Risk: Leisure Income Generation** Inability to compete with neighbouring leisure centres could result in reduced custom / use

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** • Reduced income levels

**Causes (Likelihood):** • Discretionary spend nature of leisure sector in economic recession  
• The set-up of budget gyms in Mid Devon is unlikely but could impact on our income if they did  
• Smaller leisure businesses are more likely to set up in Mid Devon and their impact on our service could be reduced if internal communication processes are improved so as to notify Leisure Managers of any potential competitors in the area

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: No  
Data**

**Current Risk Severity: 3 -  
Medium**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

Service Manager: Lee Chester

**Review Note:** The Leisure Service achieved above income target for 2012-13 and is expected to achieve above target for 2013-14. The improvements made to the three sites in the last 12 months has meant that we offer a good value for money service which is reflected in year on year improvements in membership figures.

**Risk: Local Plan** Whether the Inspector will find the Plan unsound

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Planning

**Current Status: Medium  
(10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 -  
Low**

Service Manager: Jenny Clifford

**Review Note:** Steps taken to mitigate risks by commissioning additional work to strengthen evidence base.

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**Risk: Lone Working** Risks associated with working alone (eg on site visits, call-outs, evening, weekend and emergency work and working from home).

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Property Services

**Current Status: Medium**  
(12)

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

Service Manager: Andrew Busby

**Review Note:**

**Risk: New Homes** A low housing build rate would equal less affordable housing resulting in a reduction in potential New Homes Bonus

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** - Loss of Affordable Housing Income Section 106

- Failure to meet targets in Development Plan

- Potentially unallocated sites being developed as 5-year housing supply reduces

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Planning

**Current Status: Medium**  
(12)

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

Service Manager: Jenny Clifford

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Overall Funding Availability** Changes to Revenue Support Grant, Business Rates, New Homes Bonus and other funding streams in order to finance ongoing expenditure needs.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Financial Services

**Current Status: High**  
(15)

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

Service Manager: Andrew Jarrett

**Review Note:** Mitigation – Local and national working groups and advice from experts – liaise with DCLG and then attempt to model/plan.

**Risk: Plant Room** Plant Room

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: Medium**  
(10)

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

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**Service Manager: Darren Beer**

**Review Note:** • Only authorized personnel to enter storage areas

- Pool plant operator certification required by operators
- Backwash only when pool not in use
- Planned storage of combustible materials
- Staff carry two way radios.

### **Risk: Pool Inflatable** Pool Activities

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

**Service Manager: Darren Beer**

**Review Note:**

### **Risk: Premier Inn Construction site** Increased difficulty in management of the car parking facility while the Premier Inn is being built

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Property Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

**Service Manager: Andrew Busby**

**Review Note:** Premier Inn are reviewing plans to secure VfM and will come back to MDDC with a start date asap.

MDDC will update the RA on receipt of the Construction Phase Schedule from Premier Inn.

### **Risk: Reputational damage - social media** impact of reputational damage through social media is a significant risk that warrants inclusion on the Authority's risk register.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Communications

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

**Service Manager: Jane Lewis**

**Review Note:**

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**Risk: Reputational re Council Housing Stock** Handling a disaster/mistake properly would prevent any reputation damage.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Housing Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

Service Manager: Claire Fry

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Safeguarding Awareness** Failure to ensure that awareness of safeguarding issues and what to do if one's suspicions are raised are not adequately dissipated throughout the council.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Safeguarding

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

Service Manager: Nicola Cuskeran

**Review Note:** Compulsory training for all staff has been re-launched.  
Policy reviewed and updated annually  
Councillor briefing  
Recent audit completed

**Risk: School Swimming Sessions** School Swimming Sessions

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: Medium (10)**

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

Service Manager: Darren Beer

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Stress** The physical and mental well-being of Officers could be affected by work environment and pressures caused by work demands and work relationships.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Legal Services

**Current Status: Medium (12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

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**Service Manager:** Kathryn Tebbey

**Review Note:** The risk is not well-related to Legal Services. The risk for Legal Services is from a constant high workload leading to burnout and stress. Some of this will be alleviated through improved systems, but this may prove insufficient mitigation.

**Risk: Stress** The physical and mental well-being of Officers could be affected by work environment and pressures caused by work demands and work relationships.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Housing Services

**Current Status: Medium**  
(12)

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

**Service Manager:** Claire Fry

**Review Note:** In the case of potential stress and related conditions, Managers should undertake regular supervision meetings to monitor the situation and provide support.

**Risk: Swimming Lessons** Swimming Lessons

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: Medium**  
(10)

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

**Service Manager:** Darren Beer

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Swimming Pool** Swimming pool & spectator walkway

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

Service: Leisure Services

**Current Status: Medium**  
(10)

**Current Risk Severity: 5 - Very High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 2 - Low**

**Service Manager:** Darren Beer

**Review Note:**

**Risk: Tenants with Complex Needs** As our housing stock shrinks, the proportion of such tenants will increase.

**Effects (Impact/Severity):**

**Causes (Likelihood):**

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**Service: Housing Services**

**Current Status: Medium  
(12)**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 -  
High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 -  
Medium**

**Service Manager: Claire Fry**

**Review Note:** Good links with other partners including the Police, Social Services, support agencies etc.

**Risk: Welfare Reform Act - Benefits** Failure to implement and communicate the new benefits framework effectively could result in applications not being completed in time

**Effects (Impact/Severity):** If the changes from current benefits system to Universal Credit go ahead, the system will require greater staff resource

**Causes (Likelihood):** Will now happen

**Service: Revenues - Benefits**

**Current Status: No Data**

**Current Risk Severity: 4 - High**

**Current Risk Likelihood: 3 - Medium**

**Service Manager: Andrew Jarrett**

**Review Note:**

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