

Report for: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 27 June 2023

Subject: Corporate Risk Report

Cabinet Member: Cllr Luke Taylor, Council Leader

Responsible Officer: Dr Stephen Carr, Corporate Performance and

Improvement Manager.

Matthew Page, Corporate Manager for People,

Performance & Waste.

Exempt: N/A Wards Affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix 1: Corporate Risk Matrix

Appendix 2: Corporate Risk Register

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

To provide Members with a quarterly update on the Corporate Risk Register.

## Recommendation(s):

That Members review the Corporate Risk Register and feedback any areas of concern.

### Section 2 - Report

## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Corporate Risk Register contains the strategic risks which are most likely to impact the corporate priorities of Mid Devon District Council. It is reviewed at least quarterly by Corporate Managers and the Leadership Team and updated as required. It is then presented to the Audit committee and to Cabinet. Risks are managed on the council's corporate performance and risk management system, SPAR.

1.2 The corporate risks are presented on a risk matrix (heat map), Appendix 1. Information on each risk is presented in a standard template, Appendix 2. These risks have been determined by the council's Leadership Team in consultation with Corporate Managers and other council officers.

## 2.0 Summary of Corporate Risk

2.1 There are currently 12 Risks on the Corporate Risk Register (CRR). Please note Corporate Risk 6 has been removed from the CRR as detailed at paragraph 2.3.

Risk Name		Risk Owner	Risk Rating
CR1	Culm Garden Village	Adrian Welsh	16
CR2	Cyber Security	Brian Trebilcock	20
CR3	Failure to meet Climate Change Commitments by 2030	Paul Deal	15
CR4	Homes for Ukraine Scheme	Simon Newcombe	9
CR5	Information Security	Giovanni Wallace	12
CR7	Financial Sustainability	Paul Deal	16
CR8	Quality of Planning Committee Decisions	Angharad Williams	16
CR9	SPV – 3 Rivers – Failure of the Company	Paul Deal	25
CR10	Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road	Adrian Welsh	25
CR11	Cost of Living Crisis	Dean Emery	16
CR12	Housing Crisis	Simon Newcombe	12
CR13	Operation of a Waste Management Service	Matthew Page	8

- 2.2 For each risk the following information is given in Appendix 2:
  - Risk name
  - Risk description
  - Current risk severity and likelihood
  - Current risk rating
  - Risk Owner
  - Risk Type
  - Mitigating actions (including name, description, responsible officer, current effectiveness and when it was reviewed)
  - Notes.
- 2.3 Since this report was last presented to committee in March 2023, the following significant changes have been made to the corporate risks being managed:
  - Corporate Risk 6: National shortage of chlorine and other chemicals has been removed from the CRR.
  - Corporate Risk 11: Cost of Living Crisis has been added to the CRR.
  - Corporate Risk 12: Housing Crisis has been added to the CRR.
  - Corporate Risk 13: Operation of a Waste Management Service has been added to the CRR.

- The risk rating of Corporate Risk 7: Financial Sustainability has been reduced from 25 to 16.
- The definition of Corporate Risk 3: Failure to meet climate change commitments by 2030 has been amended to include reference to climate change adaptation.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, risks which are not mitigated may have financial implications for the council. Equally, the treatment of risk may require resources to be (re)allocated. Having a robust approach to risk management will continue to help the council minimise future financial risks and implications.

## **Legal Implications**

Risk management is an integral part of the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements and there is a statutory responsibility under the Account and Audit Regulations (2015) to put in place risk management arrangements.

#### **Risk Assessment**

Failure to take advantage of opportunities and mitigate risks could impact on the Council's ability to deliver its strategic objectives. Assessment of the effectiveness of the framework for identifying and managing risks and for demonstrating clear accountability is a key element of the Council's governance arrangements.

## Impact on Climate Change

Corporate Risk 3 relates directly to the council meeting its climate change targets.

## **Equalities Impact Assessment**

Having a council which is resilient to risk means that it is better positioned to support its communities. No issues identified for this report.

### **Relationship to Corporate Plan**

Effective risk management is crucial to enable the council to mitigate risks to achieving Corporate Plan priorities.

# Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

**Statutory Officer:** Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 19 June 2023

**Statutory Officer:** Maria De Leiburne Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

**Date:** 19 June 2023

Chief Officer: Stephen Walford

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

**Date:** 1 June 2023

Performance and risk: Dr Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 12/06/2023

Cabinet member notified: Yes

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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# **Background papers:**