



Borough of Oadby & Wigston

Policy Committee

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Review of Strategic Risk Register

Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive	Report Number:	7(j)
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NON-EXEMPT

This report is likely to be considered while the meeting is open to press & public

Summary:

This report provides an update to the Strategic Risk Register at 30 September 2008.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee approves the updated Strategic Risk Register.

Level of delegation: Committee

Wards affected: All

Comments of Statutory Officers:

Head of Paid Service:	None
Proper Officer for Financial Affairs:	His report
Monitoring Officer:	None

Appendices Attached: Strategic Risk Register at 30 September 2008.

Impact Assessments:

Health:)
Environment:)
Community Safety:) Risk management covers all Council activities.
Human Rights:)
Equal Opportunities:)
Risk Assessment:)

Commentary:

1. The Strategic Risk Management Group met on the 8 October 2008 and updated the risks and action points within the Strategic Risk Register as at 30 September 2008. Details of the amendments are set out below and an updated register is attached for approval.

Summary of amendments to the Strategic Risk Register

Note – Unless otherwise stated, where actions are to be deleted, this is because they are complete.

Risk 7 – Capacity

It was noted that the soon to be vacant Deputy Chief Executive post adds to the Capacity risk and needs to be recruited to as soon as possible.

The 'high' likelihood and impact scores cannot be changed until the bigger organisation part of the 'Bigger Borough' has been progressed.

Delete Actions:

- Consider home working policy by September 2008.

Add New Actions:

- Recruit new Deputy Chief Executive as soon as possible.
- Implement home working policy on the back of the shared IT arrangement with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

Risk 11 – Fail to manage continuous change effectively

No changes.

Risk 10 – Council buildings not fit for purpose

Change date for preparing the Climate Change action plan from September 2008 to December 2008.

Delete Actions:

- Consider home working policy by September 2008.
- Implement measures necessary to respond to the findings of the March 2008 Fire Risk Assessment Report.

Add New Actions:

- Implement home working policy on the back of the shared IT arrangement with Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

Risk 3 - Partnerships

Delete Actions:

- Make decision on Payroll shared service by September 2008.
- Make decision on Internal Audit shared service by December 2008.

Add New Actions:

- Implement Payroll shared service by 1 January 2009.
- Make decision on Internal Audit shared service after appointment of a new Deputy Chief Executive.

Risk 1 – CPA – Ability to meet the harder test

Delete 'prepare improvement plan' for the Housing Inspection. The improvement plan is now being implemented.

Risk 9b – Lack of infrastructure to support needs of growth in the Borough

No changes.

Risk 12 – Robustness of BCP / IT Recovery

No changes.

Risk 14 – Failure to integrate IT

No changes.

Risk 2 – Legislative change – lack of capacity / skills

No changes.

Risk 5 – Financial management – lack of knowledge / capacity

Add New Action:

- Appoint interim Section 151 Officer to ensure that financial risks are appropriately managed.

Risk 6 – Limited finance available to meet new initiatives/priorities

Add New Action:

- Take all possible action to ensure that the Council's investments are protected from the volatility in the financial markets.

Risk 13 – Regeneration of town centres

Delete Action:

- Complete Community Needs Assessment for 'Community' element of South Wigston Regeneration monies by September 2008.

Risk 4 – Failure to manage community cohesion

Delete Action:

- Provide awareness raising sessions for Corporate Team on equality impact assessments by September 2008.

Risk 15 – Communication

No changes.

Risk 9a – Lack of effective property maintenance

The 'likelihood' risk needs to be increased from Low to Medium due to comments in the Housing Inspection Report about the lack of an Asset Management Strategy for the Council Housing Stock. This increases the risk score from 3 to 5. The requirement to produce an Asset Management Strategy for Housing needs to be added as a new action.

Risk 16 – Failure to maintain the appearance and cleanliness of the local environment

No changes.

Risk 8 – Not focussed on external business opportunities / funding

No changes.