Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting: 09 December 2022

Title of Report: Risk Management Monitoring Report

Lead Member: Councillor Mark Shayer (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for

Finance and Economy)

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Your Reference: RS/RMNov22

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The attached report provides an update on both the Strategic register for the organisation.

Strategic Risk Register

During this review of the strategic risk register there have been three risks removed and one new risk added, bringing the total strategic risks managed to 20. The new risk relates to the viability of commercial bus operators with patronage not yet back to pre-Covid levels and the ending of Government Bus Recovery Grant in October.

This amber risk has been scored as 'almost certain' to happen and a 'moderate risk' to the operation of the council.

The three risks removed from the strategic register were:

- The Council is unable to fulfil its legal obligations regarding the safety of its citizens and service recipients.
- Staff resilience to causative factors of stress variable resulting in the primary reason for short and long term absences being due to stress / psychological factors; reduced morale, loss of productivity with impact on delivery. (Moved to operational risk)
- Departure from EU single market with The Trade and Cooperation Agreement could further decreases city economic output.

The appended report identifies risks pertinent to the committee.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Committee is recommended to note the current position with regard to the Strategic Risk Register.

Reason: As part of the Committee's responsibility for seeking assurance that key risks of the authority are mitigated against.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Effective risk management processes are an essential element of internal control and as such are an important element of good corporate governance. For this reason alternative options are not applicable.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Strategic Risk and Opportunity Register includes links to the Corporate Plan priorities – monitoring of control action for strategic risks therefore contributes to the delivery of the council's core objectives.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None arising specifically from this report but control measures identified in Directorate Operational Risk and Opportunity Registers could have financial or resource implications.

Financial Risks

None arising specifically from this report but control measures identified in Directorate Operational Risk and Opportunity Registers could have financial or resource implications.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Failure to deliver against actions in the Climate Emergency Action Plan and Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan are included on risk registers.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

The risk registers specifically supports the council's overall governance arrangements.

Appendices

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| Α | Risk Monitoring Report | | | | | | | | | |
| В | Strategic Risk Register (Pertinent to committee) | | | | | | | | | |

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 21/10/2022

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mark Shayer (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance

and Economy)

Date approved: 22/11/2022