

**Report to the Council Housebuilding
Cabinet Committee**



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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Housing

Subject: Council Housebuilding Programme – Risk Register

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Recommendations:

That the current Programme-wide Risk Register for the Council Housebuilding Programme be noted.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The Council's Housebuilding Programme is a major undertaking, involving significant amounts of money and risks, it is essential that the Officer Project Team and the Cabinet Committee record, monitor and mitigate those risks.

Other Options for Action:

- (a) Not to have a Risk Register – but it would not be appropriate to contemplate such an option; and
- (b) To request amendments to the format or content of the Programme-wide Risk Register.

Report:

1. At its meeting in July 2013, the Council Housebuilding Cabinet Committee considered the first iteration of the Risk Register prepared by East Thames. Since the Council's Housebuilding Programme is a major undertaking, involving significant amounts of money and risks, it is essential that the Officer Project Team and the Cabinet Committee record, monitor and mitigate those risks.
3. Following approval by the Cabinet of individual developments and development packages, East Thames has, and will continue to produce and keep updated Risk Registers for each development/package, which will be monitored by the Project Team at Project Team Meetings.
4. In addition, it is appropriate to have a "Programme-wide" Risk Register, which is a "live document" for the Housebuilding Programme. East Thames, and specifically Pellings LLP, who are the Architects and Employers Agent appointed by East Thames, have updated the Programme-wide Risk Register, taking account of comments made by

Members at the last Cabinet Committee. The current Risk Register can be found at Appendix 1 of this report.

Resource Implications:

If risks are not properly identified or managed, it could result in additional costs to the Council, with the amounts dependent on the issue and its severity.

Legal and Governance Implications:

There is no legal requirement to have and maintain a Risk Register, but it is good governance practice to do so.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

None

Consultation Undertaken:

None

Background Papers:

None

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management

The purpose of the Risk Register is to record, monitor and mitigate risks

Equality and Diversity:

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| Did the initial assessment of the proposals contained in this report for relevance to the Council's general equality duties, reveal any potentially adverse equality implications? | No |
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| Where equality implications were identified through the initial assessment process, has a formal Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? | N/A |
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What equality implications were identified through the Equality Impact Assessment process?

N/A

How have the equality implications identified through the Equality Impact Assessment been addressed in this report in order to avoid discrimination against any particular group?

N/A