

# **Report to the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee**



**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Report Reference: FCC-004-2010/11.**

**Date of meeting: 14 June 2010.**

**Portfolio: Performance Management.**

**Subject: Risk Management – Updated Corporate Risk Register.**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

- (1) To note the updating of the Corporate Risk Register and the addition of one new risk;**
- (2) To consider whether there are any other new risks that are not on the current Corporate Risk Register: and**
- (3) To consider whether the tolerance line on the risk matrix should be amended.**

## **Executive Summary:**

The meeting of this Committee on 15 March 2010 agreed amendments to the wording of some risks and asked for a new risk to be constructed. This risk was felt necessary to cover possible disruption to services during the London Olympics. The register and the new risk have subsequently been considered by the Risk Management Group on 11 May and the Corporate Governance Group on 19 May. These reviews identified a need to update the Executive Priorities and agreed the wording and scoring of the new risk.

## **Reasons for Proposed Decisions:**

It is essential that the Corporate Risk Register is regularly reviewed and kept upto date. The decisions are a necessary part of this well-established process.

## **Other Options for Action:**

Members may suggest new risks for inclusion or changes to the scoring of existing risks.

## **Report:**

1. The May meetings of the Risk Management Group and the Corporate Governance Group reviewed the risks and their scores to take account of any changes since 24 February. Following the confirmation of the updated Executive Priorities at Cabinet on 19 April the table linking risk clusters and Executive Priorities needed to be updated. This table also details links to the Council Plan but an update of this document is still to be approved. The amended table is included at section 3.2 on page 6 of the Corporate Risk Register.

2. The wording and scoring of the new risk to cover disruption to services during the London Olympics was discussed and the suggested wordings have been included as risk 31. This risk has been scored as B3 (high likelihood, marginal impact), which places it above the

risk tolerance line. Therefore, an action plan has also been produced and included within the updated Corporate Risk Register.

3. A number of recent announcements from the new government will impact on several of the risks currently included in the register. The risks primarily affected are 3 and 4 related to the East of England Plan, 29 related to site provision for gypsies and travellers and risk 30 related to a reduction in government grant. At this time insufficient detail is available to set out exact implications but officers will continue to closely monitor announcements and will recommend updates to the next meeting of this Committee.

4. Members are now asked to consider the attached updated Corporate Risk Register (Annex 1) and whether the risks listed are scored appropriately, whether there are any additional risks that should be included and whether the tolerance line needs to be amended.

**Resource Implications:**

No additional resource requirements.

**Legal and Governance Implications:**

The Corporate Risk Register is an important part of the Council's overall governance arrangements and that is why this Committee considers it on a regular basis.

**Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:**

None.

**Consultation Undertaken:**

The Risk Management Group and the Corporate Governance Group have been consulted.

**Background Papers:**

None.

**Impact Assessments:**

Risk Management

If the Corporate Risk Register was not regularly reviewed and updated a risk that threatened the achievement of corporate objectives might either not be managed or be managed inappropriately.

Equality and Diversity:

*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

*Where equality implications were identified through the initial assessment process, has a formal Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken?* N/A

*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