

Report to the Finance Performance Management Cabinet Committee



**Epping Forest
District Council**

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Portfolio: Finance

Subject: Risk Management – Corporate Risk Register

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) To agree the updated Risk 1;**
- (2) To agree updated existing controls for Risk 9;**
- (3) To agree wording and scoring for new risk 12 - Waste Management;**
- (4) To consider whether there are any new risks that are not on the current Corporate Risk Register; and**
- (5) To agree that the amended Corporate Risk Register be recommended to Cabinet for approval**

Executive Summary:

The Corporate Risk Register was considered by the Risk Management Group on 22 May 2018 and Management Board on 6 June 2018. The reviews identified updates for the current risks and one new risk has been added.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

It is essential that the Corporate Risk Register is regularly reviewed and kept up to date.

Other Options for Action:

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

Report:

1. The Corporate Risk Register was reviewed by the Risk Management Group on 22 May 2018 and by Management Board on 6 June 2018. Amendments have been identified and incorporated into the register (Appendix 1).
2. Risk 1 Local Plan – The risk has been extensively updated to clearly reflect the Vulnerability, Trigger and Action Plan.
3. The Vulnerability advises the need for the Local Plan to be submitted within six months of

the publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which is expected in Summer 2018. Missing this timescale will result in the Council having to use the standard methodology, this would see a much increased housing target, around 923 per annum, rather than the 518 homes currently identified as the District's housing requirement.

4. The Trigger advises that the Council is awaiting the decision on a claim for judicial review, which is holding up the submission of the Local Plan Submission Version (LPSV). The outcome of the review could result in the Council having to take the LPSV back to full Council and a further Regulation 19 publication prior to submission.
5. The Action Plan advises the current controls and actions to address the risk and also the required further management actions.
6. Risk 9 Safeguarding – The existing controls have been updated to advise the development of a bespoke EFDC e-learning training resource which all EFDC staff and Members will be required to undertake. The update also advises of a bespoke face to face training session. Both these training developments will be rolled out during summer 2018.
7. New Risk 12 Waste Management – A new Waste Management risk has been added to the Corporate Risk Register. The risk centres on the ability of the Council's partner waste contractor securing profitable outlets for recycling materials processed through the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) and the possible reduction in income. The trigger for the risk been brought about due to the Chinese government banning the import of MRF paper, which has resulted in the saturation in the commodity market. Management Board are to continue monitoring the costs and market fluctuations. The new risk has been scored C2 (Medium Likelihood/Moderate Impact).
8. Members are now asked to consider the attached updated Corporate Risk Register and whether the risks listed are scored appropriately and whether there are any additional risks that should be included.

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 and Greener Implications:

None

Consultation Undertaken:

The Risk Management Group and management Board we involved in the process.

Background Papers:

None

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 Analysis:

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision-making. This means that the equality information provided to accompany this report is essential reading for all members involved in the consideration of this report. The equality information is provided as an appendix to the report.