



<b>Title of Report</b>	Corporate Risk Update
<b>For Consideration By</b>	Audit Committee
<b>Meeting Date</b>	16 April 2026
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Group Director</b>	Naeem Ahmed, Group Director, Finance & Corporate Resources

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This overview provides an updated risk summary which was selected to be reviewed by the Audit Committee on a regular basis as part of the Committee's overview of the Council's performance. This was previously presented alongside Performance Indicators and a capital monitoring update, but these have now moved to be reviewed elsewhere. Therefore, at the meetings where there is not a full review of the Corporate register, there will be a brief summary update, so there remains a continual awareness of the contents. The contents of the Corporate risk register were approved by the Corporate Leadership Team in January 2026.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

### 2.1 The Audit Committee is recommended to:

- **Consider the Risk Management Update in Appendix 1.**

## 3. REASONS FOR DECISION

3.1 The Audit Committee are deemed to be "those charged with governance" in respect of the Council's annual statement of accounts, treasury management strategy and other financial matters. As such, the Committee has asked for more overview of the Council's performance and risk management in order that they can be assured that value for money is being achieved and that they can fulfil their governance role in the widest sense.

## **4. BACKGROUND**

### **Policy Context**

- 4.1 The review of risk is a key area for consideration of the Audit Committee in order for them to fulfil their overall governance role.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 4.2 This report does not require an equality impact assessment.

### **Sustainability**

- 4.3 Not Applicable.

### **Consultations**

- 4.4 The Chair of the Audit Committee has been consulted along with the Assistant Director, Business Intelligence, Elections & Member Services, Cabinet Member for Finance, Insourcing and Customer Service, and the Group Director, Finance and Corporate Resources.

### **Risk Assessment**

- 4.5 Not applicable

### **Risk Management**

- 4.6 Audit Committee have over several meetings discussed their requirement to be able to also consider the wider picture of risk management within the Council on an ongoing basis. In addition to the Directorate and Corporate risk registers reviewed at Committee meetings, it was felt some additional information and commentary would be helpful in painting a fuller picture and also increasing levels of assurance regarding how risks are identified and managed. At each meeting, an updated scorecard of the Corporate Risks will be presented. This will ensure a continual overview is supplied of the Council's strategic risks. The full version of the Corporate risk register is presented to the Audit Committee every six months.

## **5. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, FINANCE & CORPORATE RESOURCES**

- 5.1 The contents of this report are a result of a number of discussions with the Chair and members of the Audit Committee regarding future enhanced reporting in order to strengthen the governance role of the Committee.
- 5.2 Officers will continue to work with the Chair and members of the Audit Committee, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Insourcing and Customer Service and the Assistant Director, Business Intelligence, Elections & Member Services, in order to enhance the reporting offer to

ensure that it provides the strategic overview of Council performance and risk that the Committee require.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, DEMOCRATIC AND ELECTORAL SERVICES**

- 6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising directly from this report.
- 6.2 The Council has a general duty as a best value authority to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness under the Local Government Act 1999, section 3.
- 6.3 The Authority has a statutory responsibility under Part 2 – Internal Control of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) 2015 to have arrangements in place for the management of risk
- 6.3 This report is part of those collective arrangements.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Corporate Risk Scorecard

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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