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SUBJECT:	RISK MANAGEMENT – REVIEW AND MONITORING UPDATE	REF:
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the updated risk register and associated analysis is considered and noted.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To provide the quarterly update of risk management, which is designed to assist the Council in its day-to-day business by identifying and minimising key risks. This is in accordance with the Council's Risk Management Policy Statement.

3.0 Detail

Background

3.1 Risk management is a key component of the Councils corporate governance framework. The arrangements for it are subject to regular review and indeed assessment (through Use of Resources) by the Audit Commission.

3.2 The Council maintains an overall risk register that contains the main risks that the Council faces in delivering its services. Effectively they are those contained within individual service plans and those identified by the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

3.3 Individual risks are reviewed and moderated by the Council's Risk Management Working Group (RMG) who assesses the risks in the light of the Council's overall priorities and service delivery. The current risk register is shown in the following matrix.

Risk Map for the Council (as at November 2006)
Number of risks identified in each category

HOW LIKELY

A HIGH				
B PROBABLE	1 (1)	9 (8)	4 (6)	
C LOW	3 (2)	15 (15)	9 (7)	1 (1)
D EXTREMELY LOW	1 (1)	4 (4)	2 (2)	1 (1)
<u>IMPACT</u>	4 VERY LOW	3 MODERATE	2 SERIOUS	1 CATASTROPHIC

- 3.4 In this matrix, the darker shading towards the right hand side highlights the high risks, the clear area the medium risks and the lighter shading on the left hand side the lower rated risks.
- 3.5 The overall register shows 50 key risk areas of varying degrees and has not changed significantly since the previous review in September (the figures in brackets relate to September). All risks (by main Division) are shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.6 There has been some reclassification arising out of the updated Service Plans 2006/09) which were considered during the previous cycle of Committee meetings. The Council's Risk Management Group has also reviewed these risks. In addition, 2 further risks have been identified since the last monitoring report in September.

Data Quality

- 3.7 This is a risk identified following the Audit Commission's review into the management and integrity of data held by the Council for information and performance reporting.
- 3.8 Effectively, this has been ranked as low risk. The Council has been assessed by the Commission as having minimum and adequate arrangements in place.
- 3.9 In addition, a Data Quality Strategy that is planned to be rolled out across the Council from March 2007 should help to strengthen the Council's performance in this area.

Implementing the Equality Act 2006 (and related legislation)

- 3.10 Again, this has been assessed as a low risk. A separate working group chaired at senior management level and consisting of Members, has been taking this agenda forward. In addition, additional resources have been made available to roll this out.

A Review of the High Risks

- 3.11 The high risks are those that could have quite a significant effect on the Council being able to deliver its services across the board or where there could be serious implications affecting the Council and the local community.
- 3.12 Of the 50 risks, 2 are still considered to be high in that although the probability of them occurring is very low, the potential impact if they did, could have serious consequences on the Council's services.

I.T. Recovery and Public Events

- 3.13 Firstly, an alternative facility incorporating IT, Telecoms and sufficient space for officers to enable the Council to operate is an on-going business risk. This is still currently under review through the formulation of a Disaster Recovery Action Plan.
- 3.14 However, as previously reported, until alternative accommodation is identified, this will remain a higher risk. Longer-term, it is planned that this facility will be housed at the new depot location.
- 3.15 The other risk is an incident occurring at one of the Council's public events. These are relatively few in number over the course of a year with the Festival of Leisure and the Christmas Lights Switch-on being the largest.
- 3.16 As previously reported, before each large-scale event an emergency plan is produced which considers all the issues relating to a public event. The police and other statutory partners are involved in this process.
- 3.17 It is still considered that this risk is managed as far as reasonably practicable but should be kept under review and monitored accordingly.

Overall - On-going Monitoring and Review

- 3.18 It is proposed that this continues on quarterly basis and is aligned with the performance management framework, i.e. the risk register is reviewed and updated as part of the quarterly performance monitoring process.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None associated directly with this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 None associated directly with this report.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 None associated directly with this report.