

Update on the Risks within the 'Strategic Risk Register' – January 2017

Risk	Risks mitigation method	Monitoring Body	Lead Comments
Local Plan - risk that if the Local Plan is not submitted to the Secretary of State by early 2017, that any new allocation of New Homes Bonus due to the Council in that year will be withheld.	Action Plan	Development Committee	<p>The Local Plan together with a summary of the Responses made to the Publication consultation and the Council's summary responses to them was approved by Development Management Committee on 30th November 2016. On 9th December 2016 the Local Plan and submission documents were submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Regulations 22(3)(b)and (c). The responsibility for progressing the plan in a timely manner will now largely rest with him and the Planning Inspectorate. A programme officer has been appointed by the Council, who will act on behalf of the Inspector to make arrangements for the examination. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) have appointed a Planning Inspector to examine the plan. The Council have entered into a Service Level Agreement with PINS, the Examination in Public should commence within 11-14 weeks from the date of Submission. The Council is currently waiting for the Planning Inspector to make contact, which usually happens about 4 weeks after Submission.</p> <p>There have been some changes to the Team, which is still one planning officer short. However, staffing levels are under review and may need supplementing as the Examination in Public progresses.</p> <p>The Local Plan production process is currently on track and there are no major issues.</p> <p><i>Julie Glaister – Planning Policy Manager – January 2017</i></p>

<p>LCC Cost Sharing- risk that changes to the LCC cost sharing agreement on waste will result in a significant negative impact on resources making it difficult to deliver the Council's other priorities.</p>	<p>Progress reported to Operational Management and reported in terms of financial implications through the MTFS</p>	<p>Operational Management & Finance Committee</p>	<p>The decision by Lancashire County Council to end the cost sharing arrangement leaves a significant funding gap for the Council, with a recurring loss of £763,000 per annum from 2018/19 onwards which is currently used to support the Council's waste and recycling services. This loss of income has been reflected in the Council's MTFS from 2018/19 onwards. The work commissioned by LCC on the Lancashire wide waste review has been concluded and did not yield any significant savings. The authority now needs to put plans in place to mitigate against these known losses by considering changes in service delivery and income generating opportunities. At full council on 5 December 2017, a decision was taken with regards to the introduction of a subscription based green waste service, at a proposed charge of £30 per bin from 2017, and the MTFS will be updated to reflect the estimated income from year 1.</p> <p><i>Kathy Winstanley – Head of Health & Environment – January 2017</i></p>
<p>Financial Challenges - medium term risk that the Council is unable to deliver key projects and services due to limited and reducing resources.</p>	<p>Managed via MTFS</p>	<p>Finance Committee</p>	<p>The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) is currently in the process of being updated in line with the budget setting timetable. This involves budget holders from across the Council and includes a thorough review of assumptions and estimates for all income streams, government funding, and expenditure items together with an update of all identified risks. The Budget Working Group has also met to consider the updated financial forecast and will continue to do so through the budget cycle in order to assess the financial challenges faced by the Council. An updated MTFS including an updated financial forecast was presented to Council on 5th December 2016, and a January update to reflect the 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement will also be presented to Council. The final MTFS report for the year will be considered at the Budget Council meeting on 2nd March 2017.</p> <p><i>Paul O'Donoghue – Chief Financial Officer – January 2017</i></p>

<p>Cyber Attacks - risk that the Council's infrastructure is disabled by cyber-attack such that services cannot be delivered effectively.</p>	<p>Risk Action Plan</p>	<p>SRMG & Reports to Audit Committee</p>	<p>"The actions within the 'Cyber Attack' action plan are almost complete, with only 3 actions remaining. These actions are on course to be completed by the end of the current financial year. Since the arrival of the new ICT manager (Simon Stott) a few months ago, the approach to completing some of the actions have modified slightly from the existing plan. The revised approach will hopefully create a better understanding of the issue for staff and ultimately more protection for the council. Simon's experience has enabled him to look at the current plan and provide more efficient and effective ideas and will continue to do this with outstanding actions in the future. A full update on the actions within the action plan will be provided to the committee along with this report.</p> <p><i>Gary Marcus – Corporate Support Officer – January 2017</i></p>
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