

# Arun District Council

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Audit and Governance Committee 19 February 2024</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Corporate Risk Register Update</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Antony Baden, Group Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>Cllr Dr James Walsh</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY / POLICY CONTEXT / CORPORATE VISION:</b> The Risk Management Framework presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 28 September 2023 has been used to review the strategic risks facing the Council. As a result of the review a revised Corporate Risk Register has been produced.	
<b>DIRECTORATE POLICY CONTEXT:</b> The Corporate Risk Register is an overriding risk management tool that will capture corporate risks from across the Council.	
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY:</b> There are no direct financial considerations.	

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to highlight the updates to the Corporate Risk Register since it was last reported to the Audit and Governance Committee on 30 November 2023.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Members of the Audit and Governance Committee are asked to consider and note the revised Corporate Risk Register.

## 3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3.1. The Corporate Risk Register is reviewed and updated in line with the requirements of the Council's Risk Management Framework.
- 3.2. Quarterly updates reflecting revisions are reported to the Audit and Governance Committee, this report highlights the changes since the last update.
- 3.3. It is proposed that the Committee considers and notes the revised Corporate Risk Register.

## 4. DETAIL

- 4.1. A report recommending the adoption of a new Risk Management Framework was presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on 29 November 2022. A subsequent report was provided to the Committee on 28 September 2023 detailing amendments to the Framework.
- 4.2. Corporate risks are risks that could influence the successful achievement of our long- term core purpose, priorities, and outcomes. These are risks that could potentially have a council wide impact and/ or risks that cannot solely be managed at a Service Area Level because higher level support or intervention is needed.
- 4.3. The Council's Risk Matrix (an extract from the Risk Management Framework) used to score each risk is included as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 4.4. Risks are assessed for Gross and Net risk. This method is used to evaluate the effectiveness of the identified actions used to mitigate the likelihood or impact of each of the risks.
- 4.5. The Corporate Management Team have reviewed the Corporate Risk Register in line with the review and reporting requirements of the Risk Management Framework included as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 4.6. The quarterly review of high risks was undertaken by the Corporate Management Team on 16 January. In addition, any changes to medium risks during the quarter were also reviewed. This report captures those updates.
- 4.7. A Corporate Risk Register Summary of the high risks and the updated medium risks is attached as Appendix 3 to this report. The Corporate Risk Register Summary records the changes in scores and any additions or removals to the Corporate Risk Register.
- 4.8. Actions have been reviewed and updates are highlighted on the risk register entries- Appendix 3.
- 4.9. At the Audit and Governance Committee on 30 November, an enhanced written update was requested in respect of the following risks:
  - CRR1- B: Balance of Housing Revenue Account.
  - CRR 2: Organisational capacity to deliver.
  - CRR 7: Climate Change.

The enhanced written updates are included in Appendix 4 to this report.

- 4.10. Members of the Audit and Governance Committee are asked to consider and note the updates resulting in the revised Corporate Risk Register.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1. There is no requirement for public consultation in relation to the Corporate Risk Register, this is an internal risk management tool.

## **6. OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- 6.1. Not applicable.

## **7. COMMENTS BY THE GROUP HEAD OF FINANCE/ S151 OFFICER**

- 7.1. Members will note that some risks will always remain on red by their very nature. The important point is that the risks are identified and then managed, and where possible, mitigations are put in place. There will be some cases whereby it will be financially prohibitive to implement the desired mitigation and such risks will continue to be managed very closely.

## **8. RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1. The Corporate Risk Register aids in the effective management of strategic risks faced by the Council. (Appendix 3)

## **9. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER**

- 9.1. None

## **10. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

- 10.1. There are no direct human resource implications. However, the Corporate Risk Register will assist in the effective management of related risks.

## **11. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT**

- 11.1. There are no direct implications. However, the Corporate Risk Register will assist in the effective management of related risks.

## **12. PROPERTY & ESTATES IMPACT**

- 12.1. There are no direct implications. However, the Corporate Risk Register will assist in the effective management of related risks.

## **13. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) / SOCIAL VALUE**

- 13.1. There are no direct implications. However, the Corporate Risk Register will assist in the effective management of related risks.

## **14. CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT/SOCIAL VALUE**

- 14.1. There are no direct implications. However, the Corporate Risk Register will assist in the effective management of related risks.

## **15. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT**

15.1. None.

## **16. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT**

16.1. None.

## **17. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

17.1. There are no direct implications. However, the Corporate Risk Register will assist in the effective management of related risks.

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### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Audit and Governance Committee report - 29 November 2022

[Arun District Council](#)

Audit and Governance Committee report - 28 September 2023

[Arun District Council](#)

Housing and Wellbeing Committee - Audit and Governance Committee report – 23 November 2023

[Arun District Council](#)

Policy and Finance Committee – 8 January 2024

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Policy and Finance Committee – 8 February 2024

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