

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 21 NOVEMBER 2019

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: Revised Strategic Risk Register 2019/20

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DATE: November 2019

EXTN: 37561

PORTFOLIO AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council's Strategic Risk Register has been reviewed and revised to reflect changes since its last update in November 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to note and approve the revised Strategic Risk Register

1. BACKGROUND:

The Council's Risk Management Strategy requires that the Strategic Risk Register (SRR) should be reviewed periodically and risks re-scored where necessary. The Audit & Governance Committee has Member oversight of the risk management arrangements within the Council and last reviewed the SRR at its November 2018 and February 2019 meetings.

The SRR has been reviewed, updated and re-scored by the members of the Council's Governance & Risk Group in September 2019. The updated document has also been considered by the Corporate Management Team.

The SRR update has considered significant changes that will affect the Council going forward, progress relating to risk areas identified (e.g. completion of the 'Littlehampton Wave') and mitigating actions that are in place to reduce the level of the risks. It must, however, be recognised that the strategic risks are largely long-term and that the impact of external factors (e.g. Government policy and funding changes, etc.) remains uncertain.

The updated SRR document uses the same Excel format and scoring criteria as in recent years. However, it should be noted that the Council has now implemented new performance and risk management software (Pentana Performance) and it is anticipated that the format and content of the SRR and operational risk registers will be considered going forwards.

<p>It is noted that the Council is currently considering a number of revised strategic targets. If these are approved and progressed, there are likely to be additional risks that should be included and monitored through the Strategic Risk Register. Once agreed, the Governance & Risk Group will conduct an interim review of the SRR and report proposed changes to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>		
<p>2. PROPOSAL(S):</p> <p>It is proposed that the Committee notes and approves the revised Strategic Risk Register</p>		
<p>3. OPTIONS:</p> <p>To note and approve the revised Strategic Risk Register, or not</p>		
<p>4. CONSULTATION:</p>		
Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		✓
Legal		✓
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓
<p>6. IMPLICATIONS:</p>		

<p>7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:</p> <p>The Committee notes and approves the revised Strategic Risk Register</p>

<p>8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:</p> <p>N/A</p>
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