

# ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 14 FEBRUARY 2019

### PART A : REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Revised Strategic Risk Register 2018/19

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**DATE:** February 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 December 2017.

At its meeting of 15 November 2018, the Committee reviewed and approved the first half of the changes and agreed to complete the review process at this meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to note and approve the remainder of 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. It is also required to be reviewed at least annually by the Lead Officer and Lead Member for risk management. The Audit & Governance Committee has Member oversight of the risk management arrangements within the Council and last reviewed the SRR at its December 2017 meeting.

The SRR has been reviewed, updated and re-scored by the members of the Council's Governance & Risk Group in September 2018. The updated document has also been considered by the Corporate Management Team and by the Lead Officer and Lead Member for risk management.

The SRR update has considered significant changes that will affect the Council going forward, progress relating to risk areas identified (e.g. adoption of the Local Plan) 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.

At its meeting of 15 November 2018, the Committee reviewed and approved a number of the risks and agreed to complete the process at its next meeting.

**2. PROPOSAL(S):**

It is proposed that the Committee notes and approves the remainder of the revised Strategic Risk Register

**3. OPTIONS:**

To note and approve the remainder of the revised Strategic Risk Register, or not

**4. CONSULTATION:**

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)		✓

**6. IMPLICATIONS:**

**7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:**  
The Committee notes and approves the revised Strategic Risk Register

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

N/A