

South Lakeland District Council
Audit Committee
21 July 2016
Risk Management Update

PORTFOLIO:	Councillor Sue Sanderson – Council Organisation and People Portfolio Holder
REPORT FROM:	Debbie Storr - Director Policy and Resources (Monitoring Officer)
REPORT AUTHOR:	John Davies – Performance and Risk Officer
WARDS:	Not Applicable
KEY DECISION:	Not Applicable

1.0 EXPECTED OUTCOME

1.1 The Audit Committee is updated with the Strategic Risk Register.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Audit Committee notes the Strategic Risk Register

3.0 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

3.1 Risk Management is a vital organisational control and is a key part of the Council's governance arrangements.

3.2 The Strategic Risk Register contains all those risks above and below the line of risk tolerance.

3.3 All risks above the line of tolerance have mitigations listed. These mitigations are designed to reduce the risks in terms of likelihood or impact or both.

3.4 The aim of mitigations is to reduce a risk from the current position on the risk matrix to the target position.

3.5 A risk should reach its target position by the target date. For a risk to be managed on schedule the mitigations must be implemented by their due dates. Not completing mitigations on time places a risk in exception.

3.6 Risks are highlighted with exception status as part of quarterly performance reporting arrangements. A risk is only removed from the register (archived) if there is no longer any risk.

3.7 Audit Committee of 23 April 2015, Item AUD/55 required sight of the full risk register to satisfy the committee that strategic risks were being managed.

3.8 At the date of this report going to print the risk register is in the process of being updated. The register will be circulated prior to the meeting.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 This report has been prepared by the Performance and Risk Officer based on quarter one updates to the register. Officers responsible for risk mitigations have been consulted to review the progress made in completing them. Risk owners have been consulted to review the current likelihood and impact of risks where they are positioned above the line of risk tolerance.

4.2 The full Strategic Risk Register was the subject of a review by Senior Management Team on 7th July. The review considered both new and existing risks, escalated operational risks and where necessary the archiving of risks. The results of this review are included within the risks which will be available for the Audit Committee on 21st July 2016.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

5.1 No alternative options – the Audit Committee requires that risk management arrangements are effective.

6.0 LINKS TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

6.1 Risk management arrangements underpin the achievement of all priorities.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial and Resources

7.1.1 There are no financial or resource implications in updating Audit Committee on recent risk activity. However, many of the risks identified relate to financial issues and are considered as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan, budget preparation and monitoring process.

7.2 Human Resources

7.2.1 There are no human resource implications in updating Audit Committee on risk activity.

7.3 Legal

7.3.1 There are no legal implications in updating Audit Committee on recent risk activity.

7.4 Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4.1 Risk management arrangements underpin Health, Social, Economic and Environmental objectives. Therefore there is no requirement to carry out a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Assessment.

Have you completed and Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please confirm that it is attached to the report in the appendices.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your	Risk management arrangements underpin Health, Social, Economic	

reasons.	and Environmental objectives.
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7.5 Equality and Diversity

7.5.1 Risk management underpins equality and diversity objectives and therefore there is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment.

Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please confirm that it is attached to the report in the appendices.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you have not completed an Equality Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons.	Risk management arrangements underpin Equality and Diversity objectives.	

7.6 Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
That actions to mitigate the strategic risks are not met	Risks impact on services	Risk mitigations are monitored as part of quarterly performance monitoring arrangements.
That risks are not captured or kept under review	Risks impact on services	Risks are reviewed each quarter by Senior Management Team as part of quarterly performance reporting arrangements.

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APPENDICES ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

Appendix No.	
1	Strategic Risk Register – (to follow)

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Previous Audit Committee updates can be [seen here](#)

Quarterly performance reports to Cabinet can be [seen here](#)

TRACKING INFORMATION

Assistant Director	Portfolio Holder	Solicitor to the Council	SMT	Scrutiny Committee
27/06/16	27/06/16	27/06/16	07/07/16	
Executive (Cabinet)	Audit Committee	Council	Section 151 Officer	Monitoring Officer
	21/07/2016		27/06/16	27/06/16
Human Resource Services Manager	Leader	Ward Councillor(s)		
27/06/16				