Strategic Risks Register - Quarter 2, 2018/19

Introduction

Risk Management is an essential element of corporate governance arrangements. The process of risk management allows the Council to identify, prioritise and mitigate risks which may have a negative effect on services. This is an important and underpinning process which ensures good value for money and also continuity of services.

Risks are recognised as essential management information and so contribute towards decision making. This document lists all those risks which are considered as strategic in nature – in other words those risks that could have a wide impact or require senior management control.

This Strategic Risks Register is reviewed and updated every quarter by Senior Management Team. Risks above the line of tolerance are a priority and so are reviewed every quarter – whilst those below tolerance are reviewed once a year.

Strategic risks are by their very nature problematic and so can remain on the register for significant periods of time.

Page 2 and 3 of this report explain the risk matrix and layouts used for the risks.

Page 4 provides a Risk ‘Heat Map’ which provides an ‘at a glance’ view of the priority risks – those currently in the blue zone and so above the line of risk appetite/tolerance.
How to understand the Risk Matrix:

This register contains the full and complete list of the Council’s Strategic Risks. Each risk is plotted on a risk matrix to show degree of likelihood and impact. The greater the likelihood and impact the higher the priority for management. Those risks which lay above the line of ‘risk appetite’ can be seen in the blue zone of the matrix. These risks are a priority for management and are reviewed every quarter. Risks below the risk appetite, in the green zone, are a lower priority and so are reviewed on an annual basis.

The next page shows how the information for each risk is presented.
How to understand the layout of each risk in this report

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<th>Risk No. &amp; Name</th>
<th>Current Position of Risk</th>
<th>Target Position of Risk</th>
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<tr>
<td>The risk name is a concise and clear title for the risk</td>
<td>This risk matrix shows the current position of the risk.</td>
<td>This risk matrix shows the future position of the risk following the completion of mitigations.</td>
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<td>A mitigation is an action which is designed to reduce or eliminate the risk. The mitigation can improve the likelihood or impact of the risk.</td>
<td>A short update on progress made with the mitigation</td>
<td>The person responsible for progressing the mitigation</td>
<td>Mitigations should be implemented by their due dates for the risk to be improved effectively.</td>
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<td>For each risk a history of risk review and improvement is shown:</td>
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<td>RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ = a risk review indicates that there is the same level of risk</td>
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Risk ‘Heat Map’ - showing the current position of all risks in this report

This matrix provides an ‘at a glance’ view of the priority risks which are positioned in the blue zone and so are above the line of risk appetite/tolerance. Click on a risk to navigate to the right page.

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About 73% of risks are now positioned in the green zone - below the line of ‘risk appetite’
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**Risk 1** was archived during quarter 1 2016/17

**Risk 2**
Contracts do not deliver the standards of performance required within the contract fee agreed.

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### History of Risk Improvement
- **Q4 2016/17**: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change as the Council has three new major contracts.
- **Q1 2017/18**: RISK POSITION - This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
- **Q4 2017/18**: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - Review indicates that the current risk remains the same in terms of likelihood and impact.

**Risk Owner**: Assistant Directors

**Portfolio**: Finance Portfolio
**Risk 3 was archived during quarter 1 2018/19**

**Risk 4**

**Affordable housing targets are not met.**

**Description**

There is a risk that the Council may not achieve the Council Plan target: ‘By 2025 we will have enabled with the private sector the development of 1,000 new affordable homes for rent’. The Council will need to enable delivery of new affordable and open market housing particularly through private sector led development across the district. Performance is influenced by New Homes Bonus and Local Government Financing.

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**History of Risk Improvement**

- This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
  - Q4 2016/17: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change.
  - Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION - This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
  - Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - This risk will be retained on the register to allow regular monitoring.

**Risk Owner**

Assistant Director Strategic Development

**Portfolio**

Housing and Innovation Portfolio
**Risk 5**

**Impact of the Welfare Reform on communities**

**Description**
Welfare reform is a major element of recent government spending cuts - resulting in significant changes to taxes and benefits. Universal Credit may have an impact on the level of benefits. Welfare reform therefore impacts on low-income tenants and social landlords.

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**Current Position of Risk**

- **Likelihood:** Green zone: review annually
- **Impact:** Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Target Position of Risk**

- **Likelihood:** Green zone: review annually
- **Impact:** Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Review Date**
Annual – end of March

**Target Date**
31/03/19

**History of Risk Improvement**

- **Q4 2016/17:** RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change.
- **Q1 2017/18:** RISK POSITION - This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
- **Q4 2017/18:** RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - The risk will be retained on the risk register whilst there is a potential for impacts.

**Risk Owner**
Assistant Director & Chief Finance Officer

**Portfolio**
Culture, Wellbeing and Leisure Portfolio
Risk 6
Medium Term Financial Planning – delivery of a balanced budget

Description
Current and future years proposed budget reductions (expenditure and income) are not achieved. Future year’s budget reductions (expenditure or income) are not identified. Significant existing income sources are not protected or effectively managed. Income from Central Government is reduced above the current assumptions. NDR income assumptions are not achieved. Other key factors are the Spending Review 2019-2022, Business Rates Retention, the Second Homes agreement with Cumbria County Council and the Fair Funding Review.

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<td>MTFP assumptions are reviewed, updated and reported on a quarterly basis</td>
<td>Mitigation is in place and on track</td>
<td>Assistant Director of Resources (Section 151)</td>
<td>Each quarter</td>
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<td>Options to resolve any issues are provided to the Cabinet each quarter</td>
<td>Mitigation is in place and on track</td>
<td>Assistant Director of Resources (Section 151), Assistant Directors Directors</td>
<td>Each quarter</td>
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History of Risk Improvement
For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.
Q3 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change.
Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - The annual statutory requirement has been met however longer term goals will require continuous monitoring.
Q1 2018/19: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change however uncertainty over future funding may influence future risk position.
02/08/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - At the request of Audit Committee SMT reviewed the current position of this risk – deciding that the
existing position is appropriate.

Q2 2018/19: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change to risk position.

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**Information Management is not effective**

### Description

The Council is required to have effective information governance procedures. It will be necessary to manage corporate information by implementing processes, roles and controls - including GDPR and the Data Protection and Information Security Policies.

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<td>Continue to reinforce key standards and policies via regular communication. Ensure Managers are appropriately trained and requirements are clearly set out in Job Descriptions and reinforced via appraisals. Ensure Internal Audit findings are acted on in a timely manner.</td>
<td>This mitigation added on 11/11/15. Update 07/06/17: Training schedule in early draft. Key standards to be agreed by Customer Connect Programme Board in autumn 2017. Update 14/12/17: Training schedule designed and on target to be delivered, in line with board approval, for end of 2018. 60% of staff to receive e-learning by end of July 2018, remaining 40% by end of December 2018.</td>
<td>Principal Performance and Intelligence Officer</td>
<td>31/12/18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear and ongoing communications to staff to reinforce policies and protocols. Regular review and monitoring of arrangements.</td>
<td>This mitigation added on 11/11/15. Update 07/06/17: Training schedule</td>
<td>Principal Performance and Intelligence Officer</td>
<td>31/12/18</td>
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across services by Operational Managers supported by Information Security/ Governance Teams in Policy & Partnerships and ICT.

in early draft. Key standards to be agreed by Customer Connect Programme Board in autumn 2017.

Update 14/12/17: Training schedule designed and on target to be delivered, in line with board approval, for end of 2018. 60% of staff to receive e-learning by end of July 2018, remaining 40% by end of December 2018.

The Information Governance (IG) Framework was approved by Cabinet on 16 September 2015 and provides the structure to govern how the Council captures, creates, accesses, secures, manages and shares its information both internally and externally. In line with Customer Connect Programme, the Council had to its approach to information governance.

This mitigation added on 07/06/17
In order to implement the Information Governance Framework it is proposed that a learning package deliverable is created. It is proposed that the learning package deliverable will be 100% e-learning. Scope will be provided to design and develop workbooks for those members of staff without access to ICT equipment.

Principal Performance and Intelligence Officer 31/12/18

History of Risk Improvement
For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.
Q4 2016/17: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change.
Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION - This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
Q3 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - Mitigation due dates updated in line with Information Governance Board Highlights Report 14/12/17. This risk remains within risk tolerance.
Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - review indicates no change at this time, relevant mitigations are in place.

Risk Owner Assistant Director Performance and Innovation
Portfolio Housing and Innovation Portfolio
## Risk 8

The infrastructure required to deliver the Council Plan priorities is not provided.

### Description

Infrastructure is required to support businesses and housing development objectives. The Council will need to implement the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to provide funding stream for infrastructure delivery. There will need to be protocols for CIL Governance and an up to date Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Due to the impacts of Storm Desmond there may be implications associated with future flood resilience measures and infrastructure repairs.

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<td><strong>Annual update of Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</strong></td>
<td>Review largely complete to be reported to Cabinet. Update 21/12/16: approach to meeting education needs in Kendal being worked up by Cumbria County Council. Infrastructure Delivery Plan will be reported to Cabinet in March 2017. Update 04/04/17: extra time required for education aspect due date extended to 31/05/17</td>
<td>Development Strategy and Housing Manager</td>
<td>01/12/16 Amended to 31/05/17 Completed 13/09/17</td>
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| Development of protocols for CIL Governance. | Delivery Plan reported to Cabinet on September 13th. Significant progress on infrastructure delivery including:
• Kendal highways and transport improvements (£3.4m)
• Ulverston junction improvements (£4.5m) including access to Lightburn Road employment site through Blue Light Hub.
• The development of a funding package to deliver a new roundabout at Swarthmoor to enable housing development at Swarthmoor and Croftlands. | Development Strategy and Housing Manager | 01/12/16 Amended to 31/05/17 Completed 13/09/17 |
| Development Strategy and Housing Manager | 01/03/18 Completed |
| CIL Review proposed as part of Development Management Policies process. | To be undertaken when draft Development Management policies are consulted upon in Autumn 2016. Update 21/12/16: Viability study scheduled for mid 2017 – will update | |
| Development Strategy and Housing Manager | |
viability position in relation to affordable housing, CIL and impact of Development Management policies. Update 04/04/17: Viability study Commissioned. Update 13/03/18: Viability study completed.

**History of Risk Improvement**

For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.

- **Q4 2016/17: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔** - SMT review indicates no change. There has been positive progress and further collaboration with partners on infrastructure needs is required.
- **Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION** - This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
- **Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔** - Updated evidence, in support of the new development management policies, on viability has concluded that development can support current levels of CIL. The results of examination will inform the future position of this risk.

**Risk Owner**

Assistant Director Strategic Development  

Portfolio Housing and Innovation Portfolio
Risk 9

Essential strategic partnerships required to deliver the Council Plan do not operate effectively.

Description
Where necessary robust agreements will be needed. Also opportunities and resource implications should be identified. Partnerships will need to work supportively to achieve Council Plan objectives.

The introduction of NHS STP’s and the movement of South Cumbria CCG’s into Lancashire/Morecambe Bay in April 2017 requires new strategic partnerships to be formed with these groups to ensure SLDC and its communities gain maximum benefit from any changes. This risk applies to all our strategic partnerships, such as the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), CCC, LDNPA and Morecambe Bay Economic Partnership as examples. The risk is not specific to any one initiative or approach from partner organisations, rather the strategic direction and policies that they take and make, and their correlation to SLDC achieving its aims and objectives through its Council Plan.

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<td>Monitor resource, cost and reputational impact with established strategic partnerships</td>
<td>No cost implications to the council in maintaining partnerships</td>
<td>CEX</td>
<td>31/03/19 annual review</td>
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History of Risk Improvement
For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.
Q4 2016/17: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - There is a meeting planned for political leaders and officers within the 1st qtr of 2017/18 to raise and discuss this issue across partners and Morecambe Bay authorities. A governance review of the Cumbria LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) is also underway. Positive collaborative relationships are being seen with Cumbria County Council locally, with Joint Districts in Cumbria, and now as a partner in the Northern Powerhouse Partnership at an Officer level.

Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change to position of risk.
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<th>Details</th>
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<td>UNCHANGED</td>
<td>SMT review indicates no change to position of risk.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Q3 2017/18</td>
<td>UNCHANGED</td>
<td>SMT review indicates no change to position of risk.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Q4 2017/18</td>
<td>UNCHANGED</td>
<td>SMT review indicates no change to position of risk. Risk description updated to include additional examples of strategic partnerships.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Q1 2018/19</td>
<td>UNCHANGED</td>
<td>SMT review indicates no change to position of risk. There have been recent developments that may affect our essential partnerships in helping delivery of the Council Plan 2014-19. This includes 1. Local Government reorganisation and 2. Morecambe Bay Economic Partnership - further political and managerial influence is required to ensure that one or more of the partners keeps up to date with actions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q2 2018/19</td>
<td>UNCHANGED</td>
<td>SMT review indicates no change to position of risk. Officer representation on the Morecambe Bay CCG has now been offered and accepted. Meeting held with Northern Powerhouse Minister 27/09/18 - Morecambe Bay Prospectus discussed and future meetings agreed with Government departments.</td>
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**Risk Owner:** Chief Executive

**Portfolio:** Leader and Finance Portfolio
## Risk 12

Health and Safety management of contracts – records for on site checks

### Description of risk

Health and safety management arrangements require a review for officer led contracts. Officers that are managing contractors are required to make safety checks and keep records. Safety checks should be proportional to risk.

### Current Position of Risk

- **Green zone**: review annually
- **Blue zone**: manage quarterly

### Target Position of Risk

- **Green zone**: review annually
- **Blue zone**: manage quarterly

### Next Review Date

- Annually in quarter 4

### Target Date

- Target met

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<td>Contracts Management Health and Safety training is provided</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Principle Health, Safety and Wellbeing Officer</td>
<td>09/04/15 Completed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Officer leads carry out onsite H&amp;S monitoring which is proportionate to the risk</td>
<td>ongoing</td>
<td>All staff managing contracts</td>
<td>Ongoing requirement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Officer led contracts are subject to spot checks for onsite monitoring records.</td>
<td>Q4 2015/16: Initial assessment indicates that evidence exists for H&amp;S checks Q3 2016/17: A second assessment identifies training needs</td>
<td>All managers with contracts.</td>
<td>Completed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Promote training on active monitoring</td>
<td>Building/property and all external contractors to be involved in the training. Further training ‘Control of</td>
<td>All Managers with contracts</td>
<td>13/04/17, further training sessions to be completed by end of Qtr 1 2017/18. Completed 24/10/17.</td>
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<tr>
<td>History of Risk Improvement</td>
<td>For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register. Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ – impact reduced to reflect completion of training however likelihood increased to maintain the risk position as above tolerance ensuring regular quarterly reviews - and the focus on spot checks for evidence of on site safety monitoring. Risk name updated for the focus on records of onsite checks – likelihood medium and impact serious. Q2 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change. Additional mitigation added. Q3 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change. Review is near completion and indicating positive results - will inform quarter four update. Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION IMPROVED ↓ = Review indicates that this risk has now reduced in terms of likelihood to target position. Risk is reduced due to health and safety performance, training provided and availability of resources. This risk is now below tolerance and will be reviewed annually during quarter four.</td>
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| Contractors’ completed on 24/10/17. | Further spot checks to be made for records of onsite contractor safety | Mitigation added following SMT review on 06/07/17. Completed | Performance and Risk Officer 01/10/17 Completed |
| A further review will be completed by Assistant Directors in October 2017 | Mitigation added 12/10/17. Update 05/04/18: Completed | Assistant Directors 01/11/2017 Completed |
### Risk 13
Impact of new projects and initiatives on existing Council Plan priorities

**Description of risk**
There is a risk that new projects and initiatives take the resources required by other projects and initiatives currently in the programme.

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**Current Position of Risk**
- **Likelihood**: Green zone: review annually
- **Impact**: Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Next Review Date**
Quarterly

**Target Position of Risk**
- **Likelihood**: Green zone: review annually
- **Impact**: Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Target Date**
31/03/19

**Mitigation**
Ensure that potential new projects and initiatives are subject to a pre-assessment which measures their priority

**Mitigation Progress**
Completed and ongoing requirement. Update 10/11/16: Reinforce the assessment and prioritisation of new projects – review in six months. Update 18/01/18: the assessment and prioritisation of projects is an ongoing requirement.

**Mitigation Action Owner**
Director of People and Places

**Mitigation Due Date**
Ongoing requirement

**History of Risk Improvement**
For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.
- Q4 2016/17: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change.
- Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION - This risk is within risk tolerance and requires an annual review during Quarter Four.
- Q2 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change however to be reviewed at quarter three subject to prioritisation of resources.
- Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION IMPROVED ↓ - Review indicates that likelihood is low with existing controls. Controls will continue to be applied including prioritisation against Strategic Projects Log.

**Risk Owner**
Director of People and Places

**Portfolio**
Housing and Innovation Portfolio
## Risk 14
### Unintended impacts of efficiencies and service changes

**Description of risk**
New efficiencies and changes brought about by one service or another organisation can have unintended negative impacts on the efficiency and running of another service – especially if proposals are not consulted on until too late in the process. These impacts can increase the cost of running other services. Focus required on the expiry of the Second Homes agreement between Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council.

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<td>This risk is managed via the Service Planning and Budgeting processes.</td>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>Operational Managers</td>
<td>Mitigations in place within existing Service Planning and Budgeting processes.</td>
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<td>Promote early discussions on potential change with external parties</td>
<td>New mitigation on 10/11/16 06/07/17: Mitigations underway and ongoing</td>
<td>Director of People and Places</td>
<td>In place and ongoing requirement</td>
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**Current Position of Risk**
- Green zone: review annually
- Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Target Position of Risk**
- Green zone: review annually
- Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Next Review Date**
Annual – end of March

**Target Date**
31/03/19

**History of Risk Improvement**

For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.
- Q1 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change. Mitigations are in progress.
- Q2 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change – this risk is linked to ‘Risk 15: Customer Connect’.
- Q3 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - SMT review indicates no change
- Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - Review indicates no change due to period of organisational change and ongoing partnership discussions.
- Q1 2018/19: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - Review indicates no change for the reasons listed previously at Q4 2017/18. Target date reviewed and set to 31/03/2019.
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<td>Q2 2018/19: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED ↔ - Review indicates no change to position of risk.</td>
<td>Housing and Innovation Portfolio</td>
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Risk 15
Customer Connect Programme

Description
The programme fails to deliver what’s set out in the programme definition and customer contact strategy.
Customer Connect is a challenging programme that requires significant change to ways of working for staff across the Council. The Programme Board manages the Customer Connect Risk Log on a regular basis. Mitigations are in place for the risks and the main challenges to the programme are: Scope and Ambition, Staff resources and capacity, Skills and Workforce Planning, Buy in from Customers and Training and development for staff and Councillors.

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Target Position of Risk
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<td>The programme is being managed via the Programme Board with resources identified to deliver year 1 and 2 of the programme.</td>
<td>Financial resources are set aside for the programme, but there is a requirement to identify all the staff needed over the next two years to support the projects</td>
<td>Partnerships &amp; Organisational Development Manager</td>
<td>01/07/2017 Completed</td>
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Update 07/06/17: In May 2017 membership of the Programme Boards was revised and updated to reflect the additional roles required to deliver the various projects within the programme.

Green zone: review annually
Blue zone: manage quarterly

Review Date:
Each quarter

Target Date:
31/03/19
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<th>There is a risk log for the programme</th>
<th>SMT have ownership of all the risks and identified mitigations - completed.</th>
<th>Projects &amp; Innovation Officer</th>
<th>15/04/2018 Completed</th>
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All risks on the Customer Connect risk log were updated during April 2018. The risks are reviewed at each Board meeting and are managed accordingly.

All risks above the line are being managed and have mitigations in place to reduce the likelihood. The Senior Responsible Owner has taken direct responsibility for managing the partnership.

Partnerships & Organisational Development Manager

Reviewed weekly by the Programme Board
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# Risk 16

## Waste Collection – Reversing Manoeuvres

### Description
Management of waste collection vehicle manoeuvres on recycling and waste collection rounds. There are many practical and advanced technological safety precautions in place including the following:
- Waste collection rounds have risk assessments and safe systems of work in place.
- All drivers and crews have been trained.
- All rounds are monitored to ensure that safe systems are adhered to.
- Vehicles have advanced technologies fitted e.g. reversing CCTV and sophisticated radar to assist the driver and crews manoeuvre safely.

### Current Position of Risk
This risk matrix shows the current position of the risk.

![Risk Matrix]

- Green zone: review annually
- Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Review Date:**
Each quarter when above the line of risk tolerance

### Target Position of Risk
This risk matrix shows the desired position of the risk following the completion of mitigations.

![Risk Matrix]

- Green zone: review annually
- Blue zone: manage quarterly

**Target Date:**
31/03/17

### Mitigation

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<td>Maintain and keep up to date the Safe System of Work, inspections and the utilisation of risk reducing technologies.</td>
<td>In progress and reviewed by the Street Scene Health and Safety Working Group on a quarterly basis</td>
<td>Street Scene Manager</td>
<td>Ongoing requirement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Commission specialist support to assist in the completion of a further review of vehicle movements including reversing on private drives, private roadways and narrow access highways</td>
<td>Update 17/11/16: Support commissioned and interim report received. Considering key actions for the service within operational health and safety plans. Completed.</td>
<td>Street Scene Manager</td>
<td>31/12/16 Completed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Implement the priority findings of the above review</td>
<td>Specific Action plan has been developed to implement the findings of the review. High Priority Areas have been identified and the implementation of necessary changes commenced and planned for completion by amended due date of 31/12/17. Completed.</td>
<td>Street Scene Manager</td>
<td>31/12/17 Completed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Implement the lower priority findings of the above review</td>
<td>Planned for completion by 31/12/17. Update 15/01/18: lower priority findings will now be completed by 31/03/18. Update 13/03/18: Now complete. There will be an ongoing review of all manoeuvres as part of business as usual arrangements.</td>
<td>Street Scene Manager</td>
<td>13/03/18 Completed</td>
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| History of Risk Improvement | For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register. Q2 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED - ↔ - SMT review indicates no change – work is in progress. Q3 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED - ↔ - All Ulverston rounds have been assessed and mitigating measures introduced. Results have been provided to the Health and Safety Committee 15th January 2018. Some lower priority areas remain pending with completion expected before end March 2018. Risk position remains the same until all reversing manoeuvres are assessed and mitigating measures have been implemented as required. Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION IMPROVED - ↓ - Review indicates that risk has been reduced to the target position due to completed mitigations. Decision made not to archive risk in order to maintain awareness. | | |

| Risk Owner | Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services | Portfolio | Environment Portfolio |
Appendix 1

Risk 17
Cyber Security incident

Description
There have been many high profile examples of cyber security breaches across the World and in the UK recently. The Council has effective security in place to protect data and deliver services - however threats are becoming ever more sophisticated and organisations need to be one step ahead. Cyber-attacks can cross international boundaries and may be initiated by organised criminal groups, lone individuals or be state sponsored. Cyber criminals are broadening their efforts towards UK citizens, organisations and institutions. Terrorists are conducting low-level attacks and aspire to carry out more significant acts. Examples of threats are Botnets, Distributed denial-of-service, Hacking, Malware, Pharming, Phishing, Ransomware and Spam.

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Current Position of Risk
This risk matrix shows the current position of the risk.

Target Position of Risk
This risk matrix shows the desired position of the risk following the completion of mitigations.

Mitigation Progress
Mitigation Action Owner
Mitigation Due Date

Cyber security actions within the ICT Risk Register
Cyber security actions are on track
Shared IT Service Manager
In line with cyber security due dates

Review of Insurance
Mitigation added 12/10/17 Update 15/01/18: Predicted complete by 31/01/18 for insurance renewal deadline.
Financial Services Manager Deputy Section 151 Officer
31/12/17 Completed

History
For previous updates please see earlier versions of this risk register.

RISK IDENTIFIED • Audit Committee of 26/07/17 suggested that the Information management risks should be split to create this separate risk for Cyber Security. Agreed on 08/08/17 by the Monitoring Officer.

Q2 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED - SMT review indicates likelihood very low and impact critical. Additional insurance mitigation
ICT maintains up to date software patches. Staff have guidance on how to keep IT Networks Secure and what to do if a virus or malware is suspected.

Q4 2017/18: RISK POSITION UNCHANGED - ↔ - The risk remains very low. ICT continue to maintain security related Microsoft updates, virus software updates and follow industry best practice. Business Continuity arrangements are strengthened.

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**Date:** 01/10/2018  
**Quarter:** 2, 2018/19
## Risk 18

**Potential reduction in income from the disposal of recyclable materials as a consequence of market changes affected by China’s waste policy**

### Description

China has made a decision to receive only very low contaminated recycled waste. As a consequence there will be very large quantities of waste across the UK and other international countries that will not be eligible for sending to China. Without an alternative outlet for large quantities of contaminated recyclable waste the value of this waste will fall significantly. South Lakeland District Council’s waste collection approach is to separate recyclables in a way that mitigates against contamination and maintains a high quality product so may be less affected by new policy from China. The advantageous position that South Lakeland has is confirmed in a recent APSE report. However the income provided from waste recycling is significant and would have a large impact on services should it be reduced drastically.

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<td>The Council already has legally compliant, waste recycling processes in place that minimise contamination.</td>
<td>Complete and in place</td>
<td>Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services</td>
<td>Complete and in place</td>
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<td>The Council continues to maintain a high Ongoing</td>
<td>Community and Leisure Manager with Ongoing</td>
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### Current Position of Risk

This risk matrix shows the current position of the risk.

- **Likelihood:** Green zone: review annually
- **Impact:** Blue zone: manage quarterly
- **Review Date:** Quarter Four each year

### Target Position of Risk

This risk matrix shows the desired position of the risk following the completion of mitigations.

- **Likelihood:** Green zone: review annually
- **Impact:** Blue zone: manage quarterly
- **Target Date:** 31/03/19

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profile message to residents to avoid contamination of recyclable materials placed out for collection.

Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services, Community and Leisure Manager. Risk prepared for escalation from operational level to Senior Management Team and approved for inclusion on the Strategic Risks Register.

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**History of Risk Improvement:**

- **13/03/18: RISK IDENTIFIED ●** This risk identified by Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services and Community and Leisure Manager. Risk prepared for escalation from operational level to Senior Management Team and approved for inclusion on the Strategic Risks Register.

**Risk Owner:** Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services

**Portfolio:** Environment Portfolio
Risk 19
Business Continuity: Flu Pandemic - Loss of people, skills and supply chain disruption

Description
Flu Pandemic is listed with the top three risks and rated ‘Very High’ in the Cumbria Community Risk Register. This is because the new virus would be an unknown quantity - therefore people will have no immunity and effective antivirals may not be available for six months. In addition to this all services will be affected by staff absences at a time when demand will increase on services.

Planning assumptions for the reasonable worst case scenario:
- Clinical attack rates of up to 50% of the population in total, spread over one or more waves each of around 12 – 15 weeks. Peak clinical attack rate Locally, 10% - 12% of population per week
- Small teams within larger organisations should plan for 30-35% absenteeism in addition to usual absenteeism levels on any given day.

Staff will be absent from work if:
- They are ill with flu.
- They need to care for dependants who are ill with flu
- They need to care for children due to school closures
- They have non-flu medical problems
- Their employers have advised them to stay away from work
- This may be unevenly distributed throughout organisations
- They will require time for dealing with personal bereavements with an increase in compassionate leave and stress
- They fear becoming ill

Current Position of Risk
This risk matrix shows the current position of the risk.

Target Position of Risk
This risk matrix shows the desired position of the risk following the completion of mitigations.

Review Date: Quarter Four each year
Target Date: 31/03/20
**Impact:**
Absenteism levels in small teams within Large Organisations at 30-35%. Flu Pandemic would place an unprecedented demand on local authorities, Police, Coroner and undertakers. It is likely that schools would be closed causing further absences from work. It is highly likely that mutual aid would be difficult. All the above issues and many more were highlighted during the multi-agency Cumbria Flu Pandemic Exercise on 03/07/2018. Business Continuity was highlighted as key for meeting statutory obligations. A number of effective Business Continuity mitigations are in place - however there is an opportunity following the Cumbria Flu Pandemic Exercise to enhance Business Continuity Plans with mitigations learned during the exercise.

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<td>Capture and implement the recommendations and mitigations identified within the Cumbria Flu Pandemic Exercise report.</td>
<td>Awaiting Cumbria Flu Pandemic Exercise report.</td>
<td>Performance and Risk Officer</td>
<td>Capture by 01/12/18 Implement by 31/03/20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Benchmark with Cabinet Office ‘Flu pandemic Checklist for businesses’ and include actions within Business Continuity Plans where necessary.</td>
<td>Benchmarking with checklist is underway</td>
<td>Performance and Risk Officer</td>
<td>Necessary actions included in Business Continuity Plans by 01/12/18</td>
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**History of Risk Improvement**
13/03/18: RISK IDENTIFIED ● = This risk identified following Cumbria Flu Pandemic Exercise 3rd July 2018. Escalation agreed to the Strategic Risk Register. Risk reviewed on 16/08/18 as below risk appetite with Likelihood Low and Impact Serious.
27/09/18: Mitigations improved and updated.

**Risk Owner**
Senior Management Team

**Portfolio**
Leader of the Council