

North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 7TH JULY 2020

SUBJECT OF REPORT: COVID 19 - RISK REGISTER

TOWN OR PARISH: ALL

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: RICHARD PENSKA, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & PROPERTY

KEY DECISION: NO

REASON:

Information item only

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Audit Committee review and note the Quarter 1 202/21 COVID 19 Risk Register.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report provides details of the Corporate Risk Register maintained by the council's Corporate Management Team to track and manage the key risks associated with the COVID 19 pandemic.

2. POLICY

The council's Financial Regulations stipulates that "Sound governance requires effective and efficient management of risk and maximising opportunities, covering all forms of risk, not just financial" and that "The Section 151 Officer shall report all strategic risks (threats and opportunities) to the Corporate Management Team, the Audit Committee and the Executive as appropriate".

3. DETAILS

The COVID 19 Corporate Risk Register is attached at Appendix 1 and details the current significant risks associated with the COVID 19 pandemic. The risks are broad ranging reflecting not only the impact on the organisation, but also those on the broader community and local economy for which the council has a role or responsibility to address.

The report is submitted to the Audit Committee to provide assurance that risks are being reviewed and mitigated where possible and to allow the Committee to seek further assurances on risks they may wish to focus on in their formal forward plan or internal briefings.

4. CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None specifically, but individual risks will have financial consequences.

6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

None specifically, but individual risks will potentially have legal implications.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a specific risk within the Register that considers the risk associated with the non-delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan during the pandemic and subsequent recovery period.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Contained within the report.

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There is a specific risk within the Register that considers the risk of a widening equalities gap as a result of the pandemic.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

None specifically.

11. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – COVID Risk Register Quarter 1 2020/21

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.