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| Report to: | AUDIT COMMITTEE |
| Relevant Officer: | Tracy Greenhalgh, Head of Audit and Risk |
| Date of Meeting | 25 March 2021 |

STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER 2021/2022

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To present the Council's revised Strategic Risk Register to the Audit Committee.

The Strategic Risk Register was last approved by the Audit Committee in March 2020 and this revised version has been subject to a review and amended accordingly.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is asked to consider the Strategic Risk Register for 2021/2022.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To ensure that strategic risks are effectively managed.

- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

- 4.1 None

5.0 Council priority:

- 5.1 The Strategic Risk Register covers all Council priorities.

6.0 Background information

- 6.1 Blackpool Council's Risk Management Framework 2021-2025 was agreed by the Corporate Leadership Team in December 2020 and the Audit Committee in January 2021. This sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee in terms of its oversight of the Strategic Risk Register.

The Strategic Risk Register is reviewed and updated by the Corporate Risk Management Group and the Corporate Leadership Team. It receives annual approval from the Audit Committee.

Risk Owners are required to attend meetings of the Audit Committee on a periodic basis to provide an update in terms of how each risk is being managed. The proposed timetable for deep dives into

specific risks by the Audit Committee is as follows:

| Date | Strategic Risk | Risk Owner |
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| April | Pandemic Infection | Director of Public Health Director of Adult Services Chief Executive Director of Resources |
| June | Sustainability of the Council | Director of Resources Director of Adult Services Director of Children's Services Director of Governance and Partnerships Director of Strategy (Assistant Chief Executive) |
| September | Unsustainable Local Economy / Increased Deprivation | Director of Communication and Regeneration Director of Strategy (Assistant Chief Executive) Director of Community and Environment Director of Children's Services |
| November | Service Failure | Director of Children's Services Chief Executive Director of Resources Director of Community and Environment |
| January | Inadequate Change Management | Director of Children's Services Director of Governance and Partnerships Director of Communication and Regeneration |
| March | Full risk register for 2022/2023 to be brought to Audit Committee for consideration. | Head of Audit and Risk |

6.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 3(a) – Strategic Risk Register 2021/2022

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 Where possible, risks will be managed within current budgets. Where it is not feasible to do so, this will be escalated to the Corporate Risk Management Group and the Corporate Leadership Team where a decision will be made to accept the risk or identify additional funding to implement the required controls.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 The Council needs to ensure that it effectively manages its risks to avoid the potential of legal challenge or prosecution.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 The Strategic Risk Register is a key component of the Council's overall Risk Management Framework.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 The risk register is based on a risk assessment of all Council services.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 Climate change and sustainability feature on the risk register.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 The Strategic Risk Register has been prepared in consultation with the Corporate Risk Management Group and Chief Officers.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None