

People and Health Scrutiny Committee

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Risk Management

For Review and Consultation

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Brief Summary: Dorset Council operates a risk register to ensure that the key risks are monitored and reviewed, with controls identified to manage risk down to an acceptable level. Risk owners (generally a Service Manager or Head of Service) are aligned to each.

Previously, risk update reports have been presented to the Audit and Governance Committee. However, the focus of that committee is to ensure that the risk management process is working effectively rather than scrutinise the management of the risks. The detail of the risks and proposed response will be of interest to the Scrutiny Committees, providing assurance that key risks are managed and also potentially identifying future areas of focus for the forward plan.

The supporting appendix contains details of those risks identified by Risk Owners as “High” or “Extreme” and is supported by a management update statement.

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes and reviews the key risks identified in the risk registers.

Reason for Recommendation: To ensure that the Council's risk management methodologies remain current, proportionate, and effective in enabling risk informed decisions to be made.

1. **Financial Implications**

No budget implications specifically, although unmanaged risks may pose a threat to the Council's financial stability. Identified risk improvement measures may also have direct budget implications, each of which need to be subject to a cost/benefit analysis prior to implementation.

2. **Climate Implications**

No climate implications specifically, but climate risks are addressed within the risk register framework.

3. **Well-being and Health Implications**

No well-being and health implications specifically, but well-being and health risks are addressed within the risk register framework.

4. **Other Implications**

None

5. **Risk Assessment**

5.1 Having considered the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: High
Residual Risk: High

The risk level is identified as High as Appendix B provides an update on those High-level risks which are currently identified within the Risk Register

6. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

There are no equalities issues arising directly from this report

7. **Appendices**

Appendix A - Risk Management Exception - Quarterly Update Report

8. **Background Papers**

[Risk Dashboard - Power BI](#)

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