

Agenda item:

Audit Committee

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Report Title: Risk Management and Corporate Risk Register

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Wards(s) affected: All Report for: Non-key decision

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To inform the Audit Committee of the current position on risk management implementation across the Council and provide a revised risk management strategy for consideration and approval.
- 1.2 To provide a register of corporate business risks for review.

2. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and/or other Strategies:

- 2.1Audit and Risk Management contribute to the Council priority to deliver excellent, customer focused, cost effective services by ensuring that the Council's risk management framework is in place and operating effectively. Internal audit reviews key risk registers, the controls in place and makes recommendations for improvement where appropriate.
- 2.2 Risk management forms a key element within the revised Use of Resources assessment and will continue to be part of the CAA from 2009 onwards. The reports to both managers and the Audit Committee on the implementation of the Council's risk management policy and strategy ensure that the requirements of the CAA assessment are fulfilled.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Audit Committee is recommended note the implementation of the risk management strategy across the Council.
- 3.2 The Audit Committee is recommended to review and approve the revised risk management policy and strategy .

4. Reason for recommendation(s)

4.1 The Audit Committee is responsible for approving the Council's Risk Management Policy as part of its Terms of Reference. In order to facilitate this, and provide information on its implementation across the Council, progress reports are provided on a regular basis for review and consideration by the Audit Committee.

5. Other options considered

5.1 Not applicable

6. Summary

- 6.1 The internal audit service makes a significant contribution to ensuring the implementation of the Council's risk management framework throughout the authority. This report focuses on:
 - The work undertaken during 2008/09 to implement the risk management framework;
 - The corporate risk register
 - The updated risk management policy and strategy

7. Head of Legal Services Comments

7.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and advises that there are no specific legal issues which arise out of the report, or the proposed recommendations.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

- 8.1The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted over the contents of this report and notes that there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 8.2 The Council's overall business planning process allows it to assess the impact of any risk highlighted during the course of regular review of risk registers or the PBPRs and those felt to have key financial implications over the medium term are addressed in the Council's financial plans. The financial or business impact of any risks materialising in year will be addressed as part of the council's monthly budget & performance management process.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

9.1Not applicable

10. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

10.1 This report deals with how risks are managed across all areas of the council, which have an impact on various parts of the community. Improvements in managing risks

and controls will therefore improve services the Council provides to all sections of the community.

11. Consultation

11.1 No external consultation was required or undertaken in the production of this report. Consultation is undertaken with respective service managers, Assistant Directors and Directors in the production of risk registers and internal audit reports and follow up programmes, and their comments are included in the final report which is circulated in accordance with the agreed internal audit reporting protocol.

12. Service Financial Comments

12.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The work within internal audit to implement the risk management framework is part of the contract with Deloitte and Touche which was awarded following a competitive tendering exercise in compliance with EU regulations from 1 April 2007. The costs of this contract are contained and managed within the Audit and Risk Management revenue budget. Service departments manage risks as part of the routine work to achieve their business plans and costs are contained within their revenue budgets.

13. Use of appendices

13.1 Appendix A – Corporate Risk Register

Appendix B - Risk Management Policy and Strategy

Appendix C – Update on risk registers

14. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

14.1For access to the background papers or any further information please contact Anne Woods on 0208 489 5973.

15. Background

- 15.1The Council's Risk Management strategy is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it reflects current operational requirements and best practice. The previous version was approved by CEMB in January 2008, and the Audit Committee, in May 2008.
- 15.2During 2008/09, Internal Audit has continued to work with business unit and departmental representatives to review, test and update the risk registers in accordance with the requirements of the risk management strategy. The review and testing of risk registers formed part of the 2008/09 annual audit plan and will be an ongoing process in 2009/10 to ensure the key controls to manage identified risks are effective and operate as intended. This will also ensure compliance with the agreed strategy.

15.3The Council has been implementing a new performance management system (Covalent) during 2008/09. This system will also include a risk management module which will enable all risk registers to be managed electronically at business unit, department and corporate level. The process to input the current risk registers on to the performance management system will start in April 2009, and this will be completed by Internal Audit, supported by Policy and Performance. Training for system users will be provided during May and September 2009, with full reporting in place across the Council by October 2009.

16. Corporate Risk Register and Departmental/Business Unit Risk Registers

- 16.1The corporate risk register is attached at Appendix A for review and approval. This reflects those risks identified at corporate level, referenced CEMB 1 12 in the corporate register. Following discussions at CEMB during 2008/09, additional risks have been included in the corporate register to cover:
 - Current economic conditions (CEMB1);
 - Data quality issues (CEMB2);
 - Treasury Management (CEMB3);
- 16.2The current high risks identified in business unit and departmental risk registers, referenced CEMB 13 21 and cross-referenced to the individual departmental and business unit risk registers. These risks may also have a corporate impact either in financial or reputation terms. Some of the key risks included in departmental or business unit risk registers may already be included as corporate risks e.g. overspends; staffing issues; safety of staff and clients.
- 16.3 Appendix C shows the latest position for all Business Units and Directorates as at April 2009. All Business Units have been requested to provide copies of the latest version of their risk registers in accordance with the risk management strategy ad we are awaiting final copies of some Business Unit risk registers in order to complete the process of loading the information onto Covalent.

17. Electronic risk registers

- 17.1The electronic Covalent system will replicate the majority of the existing format for the council's risk registers, but will provide Business Unit Managers with a more effective and flexible reporting and monitoring process than the current manual process.
- 17.2The electronic system is able to produce a variety of reports and information to suit the managers' requirements. The electronic system allows managers to view and sort their current risks individually, or by risk rating; RAG status; or actions due.
- 17.3 As stated earlier, all existing risk registers will be loaded onto Covalent by Internal Audit and checked to ensure that the data is correct. After the initial data has been input onto the system, business units will be provided with the risk register information relevant to them and will be able to update and amend their risk registers online. In order to facilitate this, all business units will have a nominated representative who will

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have access to the system and will be responsible for keeping the risk register up to date.

17.4Covalent will automatically send reminders to the business unit representatives when updates are due. Internal Audit will provide resources as part of the annual audit plan to assist business units on an ongoing basis and to ensure that all actions and updates are being done in accordance with the relevant timescales.

18. Risk Management Policy and Strategy

- 18.1In addition to risk registers, the 2008 risk management strategy has brought together all key processes involving risk, including health and safety, business continuity, emergency planning and project management. A Risk and Emergency Planning Steering Group has been established during 2008/09 which reviews key risk issues on a regular basis and ensures implementation of the risk management strategy across the council. Key documentation, including the PBPR templates have been revised to take account of the revised risk management strategy and ensure that risk management processes are embedded across all key functions and processes. Risk management forms an integral part of the business planning process, including the pre-business plan review stage and the final business plans, where business units are required to consider the key risks to the achievement of their objectives.
- 18.2 The risk management strategy and policy has now been updated to reflect the development of the electronic performance management system and is attached at Appendix B for review and approval.

This document sets out the key risks common to Directorates across the Council. The risks are based upon the objectives of individual directorates and Business Units. If the risks in this register have been escalated via Business Unit and/or Departmental Risk Registers, references have been included to identify these.

Key to the Risk Register: - Ref: Details the reference number for the risk - based on the following:

CEMB - Chief Executive's Management Board

UE - Urban Environment:

Streetscene; Planning Policy & Development; Enforcement; Strategic & Community Housing; Economic Regeneration

ACCS - Adults Culture and Community Services:

Adult learning libraries & culture; Adult Services; Commissioning & strategy; Recreation Services

CYPS - Children and Young People's Service:

Children & families; School standards & inclusion; Business Support & Development

CR - Corporate Resources:

Corporate Finance; Audit & Risk Management; IT Services; Benefits & Local Taxation; Customer Services; Corporate

Procurement; Legal Services; Property Services

POD - People and Organisational Development:

Human Resources; Local Democracy & Member services; Organisational Development & learning

PPPC - Policy Performance Partnerships and Communications:

Safer Communities; Neighbourhood Management; Performance & Policy; Communications

Risk Identified: Details the risk identified by management.

Inherent Risk: Is assessed by Impact (I) and Likelihood (L). The Inherent risk is the impact of the risk occurring, and how likely it is to occur, without any mitigating actions in place to address the risk. The Impact and Likelihood of the risks are scored from 1 to 9 according to the schedule in Appendix 1 of this report.

Controls: The actions and processes which are currently in place to manage the risk identified.

The Residual Risk is the impact and likelihood of the risk Residual Risk: Is assessed on the same rankings as Inherent Risk. occurring with the current controls in place.

Further Action: Where there is outstanding residual risk, further actions have been identified by management to reduce the exposure to the risk.

Ref	Risk	Inhere	Inherent Risk	Controls	Resid	Residual Risk	Further Action/
		Impact	Likelihood		Impact	Likelihood	Responsibility
CEMB1	Poor national and local economic	6	2	General contingency in future	8	7	Recession identified as
	conditions impact adversely on		6.3	budgets to nelp deal with pressures arising from		56	priority to be
	inability to deliver services due to)	economic downturn)	plans. Corporate lead.
	increased demand.			 The Community Care 			Recession/resilience
	70:0			Strategy's core objective is to			plan being produced.
				reduce commissioning of			• Comprehensive
	All Directors and ACE's			residential care and reinvest			manning exercise of
		~~~		revenue into improved			3rd sector by ACCS
				services in the community.			Sector by Accost
				<ul> <li>Demand led forecast in order</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Brokerage service will</li> </ul>
				to effectively profile budgets			be refocused in line
		-		to meet demand.			with personalisation
				<ul> <li>Contingency plans in place in</li> </ul>			agenda to ensure
				order to deal with cases of			adequate provision.
				service demand above			<ul> <li>Look critically at what</li> </ul>
				forecast levels.			needs evidence can be
		***************************************		<ul> <li>First phase of JSNA</li> </ul>			produced by FWi and
				complete. ACCS working			OHMS etc.
				with Joint Director of Public			4
				Health to complete 2nd phase.			Identiliy specific needs     massing projects
				Control Owner:			mapping projects,
				All Directors and ACE's			information and
							knowledge.

	Further Action/	Responsibility	Corporate Performance	established with responsibility for ensuring data quality and supporting corporate and directorate assessments,	<ul> <li>Ensure any</li> </ul>	recommendations from the review of	Treasury Management	reported appropriately	Responsibility:
	Residual Risk	Likelihood	4	32	4	36			
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Colporate Inch register = con	Controls		New corporate performance     Appropriate textern is in	Place for 2009/10  Regular reports to CEMB and Cabinet on performance issues Indicators both national and local are monitored through performance clinics and DMT.  Recent audit found no level 1 recommendations with performance reporting  Capital Ambition supported external validation of data quality  Quality  Quality  Quality Outcomes Board put in place to provide support and commentary on key issues to the Council  Control Owner:	External review of treasury	completed and reported in	<ul><li>2008/09</li><li>Specialist contractors in</li></ul>	place to provide advice to	reasury Management section
	Inherent Risk	Likelihood	7	26	9				
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	Risk		An inability to provide accurate	and robust data to support external corporate and departmental assessments impacts on the Council's reputation and CAA ratings.  Risk Owner:  All Directors and ACE's	Lack of appropriate controls over	the Council's Ireasury Management function	Risk Owner:	Director of Corporate	Resources/UFU
	Ref		CEMB2		CEMB3				

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Inadequate financial management/ overspends/ lack of Value For Money/ loss of central government funding e.g. homelessness. Risk Owner: All Directors and ACE's	Colporate Man register 20	Controls		<ul> <li>Review of the Council's investments and Treasury Management investment</li> </ul>	policies and procedures completed following external	review	Regular review of operational	Tunctions in place	Ferformance of the Treasury     Management function	reported on a regular basis	Budget Holders and	Directors monitor their	budgets on an ongoing basis	with support from Heads of	Finance.	<ul> <li>Formal monthly budget</li> </ul>	monitoring process with	Finance and Performance	report submitted to Cabinet.	<ul> <li>Four year financial strategy in</li> </ul>	place with regular reports to	Members re Capital and	Revenue budgets.	<ul> <li>Management of projects</li> </ul>	within a formal project	management framework.	<ul> <li>Sufficient levels of reserves</li> </ul>	to be able to manage any	budget risks.	
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Further Action/	Responsibility	AD now authorises all commissioning spend	Work ongoing within	the CAA sub group to	ensure appropriate	links across ACCS and	to support controls in	place.	<ul> <li>Develop market</li> </ul>	management strategy	to ensure VfM	services.	<ul> <li>All budget holders &amp;</li> </ul>	4th tier managers to	receive budget	management training.	Commissioning and	Strategy to identify	linked functions	between divisions in	ACCS for	rationalisation and	integration.	<ul> <li>Lobby central</li> </ul>	government in respect	of funding levels	Liaison with other	boroughs
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Controls		of Resources requirements undertaken on regular basis	<ul> <li>No budget overspends on a</li> </ul>	corporate basis reported	<ul> <li>Budget proposals reflect</li> </ul>	increase in pension back-	funding	<ul> <li>Value for Money being</li> </ul>	embedded into way of	working.																		
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CEMB5	Lack of safety and well-being for	8	6	Joint Area Review (JAR)		9	Directorate review of
	clients and staff.		7.9	action plan agreed and being monitored and renorted on a		42	interface with
	Risk Owner:		1	regular basis by CYPS		1	saleguarding and prioring and prioritisation of action
	All Directors and ACE's			Quality Outcomes Board put			arising.
				in place			Ensure key tasks in JAR
				Safeguarding training     implemented			action plan are completed
				Risk Management strategy in			and reported to all
				place with links to health and			relevant parties in
1				safety requirements			agreed timetable
	٤	***************************************		<ul> <li>Corporate Health &amp; Safety</li> </ul>			:
				audits undertaken			Responsibility:
***************************************				<ul> <li>Risk assessments</li> </ul>			Director of CYPS
				undertaken			
				<ul> <li>Compulsory DSE training for</li> </ul>			Ensure any
				staff who use computer			recommendations arising
				equipment.			out of the 2009 external
				<ul> <li>Home Safety advice</li> </ul>			inspection of Adult
	A			provided by the crime			Services are addressed
				reduction team			and reported
				Ulrectorate SLUs to implement USC			appropriately (Pending
							receipt of report)
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CEMB6	Staffing issues impact on the	7	7	Dosts filled using agreed	Œ	ι.	
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(Harton cont.)	Risk		<ul> <li>Inability to recruit and/or retain right staff</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>management team turnover;</li> </ul>	and	<ul> <li>lack of continuity and/or</li> </ul>	succession planning	<ul> <li>inability to provide appropriate</li> </ul>	support to corporate services.		Risk Owner:		All Directors and ACE's							Failure of key projects, e.g.	Building Schools for the Future,	Decent Homes Standards impact	on the council's overall	objectives.	Risk Owner		All Directors and ACE's				
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Eΰ	management of the council's capital programme leading to a		81	monitoring process in place, with Finance and		30	
.≅	risk of non-delivery of the			Performance report			
ā	programme or budget			submitted to Cabinet.			
Ó	overspends.			Stream Board monitoring (for	or		
<u>~</u>	Risk Owner:			individual projects.			
⋖	All Directors and ACE's			Capital Strategy in place and	0		
				monitored on regular basis			
				WBPB outcome groups are			
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				monitor progress of projects	ω 7	.,	
				WBPB. The effectiveness of			
				the sub groups are monitored by the WBPB.	<del>0</del>		
Ľ.	Failure to meet statutory and	7	6	Council Constitution	7	9	Regular monitoring,
<u>0</u>	legal requirements and targets,			- including scheme of	******		review and prioritisation
Φ	e.g. National and Local Area		63	delegation and finance/		42	of action via DMT and
⋖	Agreement Indicators			contract procedure rules			relevant
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∢	All Directors and ACE's			Performance profiling	***************************************		Housing Improvement
				<ul> <li>Data Quality Strategy</li> </ul>			Board, Better Haringey,
1				developed.			and Better Places

	Further Action/	Responsibility	Partnership. Projects linked to LAA indicators to be tracked directly through to the ABG budget and SMART objectives put in place.	Disaster recovery plan	for Framework I is in	place							<ul> <li>Consider how the HSP</li> </ul>	could be used to	promote positive	aspects of the	Haringev area		Responsibility:	ACE – PPP&C		
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colporate man register 2009/10	Controls		<ul> <li>Random sample audits undertaken</li> <li>Regular reports on compliance with performance measures</li> <li>Procedure notes in place for key financial and other systems.</li> <li>Business Plans identify actions to meet targets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business process in place,</li> </ul>	including system disaster	recovery and business	continuity arrangements.	<ul> <li>Disaster recovery and</li> </ul>	business continuity plans	tested	Service review meetings with	IT providers	<ul> <li>Establishment and</li> </ul>	development of key	relationships with external	organisations and business	sectors.	<ul> <li>Code of Governance and</li> </ul>	annual governance	statement for the HSP	implemented.	<ul> <li>Community Engagement Forum for the HSP in place.</li> </ul>
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	Risk			Failure of corporate I.T. systems,	e.g. SAP.	Risk Owner.		All Directors and ACE's					Failure to maximise and promote	partnership working opportunities	which may impact on the	council's reputation with external	organisations and different	business sectors.	Bick Owner:		All Directors and ACE's	
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- Corporate Risk Register 2009/10	Controls		<ul> <li>Executive level performance management group for HSP</li> </ul>	in place.	<ul> <li>Ongoing work with statutory</li> </ul>	and voluntary/ community	sector partners, e.g. the	Police, LDA, Employment	Service, Small Business	Service and Health agencies.
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COIDOIAIE NISA NEGISIEI 2003/10	Controls		Anti-fraud and corruption strategy, whistle-blowing	policy and fraud response	plan in place and reviewed on	a regular basis	<ul> <li>Programme or pro-active fraud work in internal audit</li> </ul>	and Housing Benefit plans	<ul> <li>Risk of fraud included in</li> </ul>	departmental risk registers	<ul> <li>Fraud awareness briefings</li> </ul>	provided on a regular basis in	Team Brief and Smart Talk	<ul> <li>Council participates in the</li> </ul>	National Fraud Initiative	<ul> <li>Robust procedures in place in</li> </ul>	relation to procurement and	contracting	<ul> <li>Segregation of duties in</li> </ul>	relation to processing of	goods and services	<ul> <li>Monthly budget management</li> </ul>	identifies any variances and	services have the	opportunities to investigate	and comment	<ul> <li>Internal controls when</li> </ul>	designing systems to alleviate	fraud
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	Further Action/ Responsibility	Problems are highlighted	Project highlight reports	during budget monitoring	mechanisms in place to	ensure reactive	maintenance is dealt with.	Accet Management Dian	Asset Mallagelliellt Flail	nas been developed	wnich identifies a ten year	Investment strategy to	Condition of the potation	condition of the network.																	
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COIPOI ALE MISA MEGISTEI 2003/ 10	Controls	<ul> <li>Progress meetings are held with the NBSWA team to</li> </ul>	ensure there is a coordinated	approach to works occurring	in close proximity.	<ul> <li>Frequent progress meetings</li> </ul>	are held with contractors to	ensure any envisaged delays	are discussed and resolved.	<ul> <li>Capital funding provided by</li> </ul>	the council which is targeted	at the roads requiring	intervention and in full	lengths.	The Borough spending plan	provides resolutes to find	the maintenance and	information and	mirastructure programme	with the bolough.	<ul> <li>Inspection regime in place to</li> </ul>	identify faults on the	highways and ensure that	contractors work is	completed in accordance	with contract standards.	<ul> <li>£200,000 allocated to</li> </ul>	pothole blitz programme	which has been very	successful and reduced	complaints about potholes.
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	Risk	Deterioration of highways infrastructure and street furniture	impacting on the environment	and posing a health and safety	risk.	- -	Failure to ensure that	carriageway and footway are	kept to a reasonable standard.	Contributing factors to this risk	may include:	Insufficient investment	Not mooth at the control of the cont		index level from scanner	surveys.	<ul> <li>Exposure to insurance</li> </ul>	claims.	Staffing	Failure to implement work on	site	Contractor resolutions	Configuration with NDOWA	איטטראו ווווא ווטוזמווויוטטט	team	Kisk Owner:	Highways Maintenance Manager				
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CEMB 14	Delivery of Key sites programme:	6	6	Additional resources in place     for the development of a Major	6	9	Additional resources may
-	number of Major Applications		81	Sites team.	1	54	ensure all applications are
(UE PPD1)	within statutory timescales my result in legal challenges.			<ul> <li>Recruitment of experienced staff currently underway.</li> </ul>			efficiently processed. Action by:
	Risk Owner:				***************************************		Head of Planning Policy & Development Service
	Assistant Director of Planning Policy & Development Service						
CEMB	Supporting People (SP) allocation	တ	6	<ul> <li>Plans in hand to manage the</li> </ul>	9	5	Programme of
15	in 2008/09 has been reduced by			impact on the level of	ı		consultation with
	3% from £21.3 million per annum		<u>8</u>	services which can be		30	providers and formal
	to £20.7million.			commissioned			ratification of funding
(3)(4)	Further SP reductions now			<ul> <li>Issues around funding for</li> </ul>			reduction proposals
C&31.0)	confirmed through to 31/3/2011			2009/10 and 2010/11 being			through SP partnership
	5% reduction 2009/10 to			Partnership Board and the			
	approximately £19.6 million			budget process			SP Partnership Board also
				Long term funding and			looking at specific
	5% reduction 2010/11 to			Savings Strategy already			proposals to re-designate
	approximately £18.6 million			developed and agreed by the			and/or re-model the
	SP programme grant going into			Supporting People			tunding within existing
	Area Based Grant (ASB) in			Partnership Board (SPPB)			services in order to
	2010/11, although may not be			<ul> <li>Specific areas of cost</li> </ul>			achieve better value for
	linked to local area agreement	•		savings/efficiencies in the SP			money
				programme considered by			Review of proposed savings
	Risk Owner:			the SP partnership Board on			being carried out in light of
	Assistant Director of			22/01/09			the requirement to re-tender
	Commissioning & Strategy/Head			<ul> <li>SPPB Executive Group to</li> </ul>			current SP contracts.
	of Commissioning			meet twice yearly to focus on			Corporate Procurement
				the budget	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		Working to support ACCS in
				Control owner:			tnis.

	Further Action/ Responsibility	SP reductions to go to CAB for discussion and agreement from members on taking forward prior to sign off by SPPB Responsibility: Assistant Director of Commissioning & Strategy/Head of Commissioning
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	Further Action/ Responsibility	Bid for additional     Indiag (internal or	external)	<ul> <li>Development of parks</li> </ul>	policy strategy, service	specification and	management/	development plans	<ul> <li>Planned investment in</li> </ul>	new facilities and	renewals/PPM	Action by:	Assistant Director	Recreation Services		oor turner	a na							
	Residual Risk	2	25									1	1	<u></u>		***************************************						***************************************		
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Hallingey Coulies - Octobalate High Hegister 2009/10	Controls	Parks Asset Improvement     Draggerers in place	Service investment/ capital	programme for the year	<ul> <li>Development of Parks policy,</li> </ul>	service specification and	management/ development	plans	<ul> <li>Open Space Strategy/Open</li> </ul>	Space Renewal programme	Surveys/ Annual user	surveys	<ul> <li>Customer feedback/</li> </ul>	corporate complaints	<ul> <li>Planned preventive</li> </ul>	maintenance regime	<ul> <li>Annual benchmarking</li> </ul>	exercise (benchmark	baselines)/target setting	QMS/ ISO 9002	(	Control Owner:	Assistant Director Recreation	Services
ISIIDOO	Inherent Risk	6	72																					
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¥ .	Risk	Deterioration of assets:	<ul> <li>increased risk of injuries;</li> <li>risk of increased costs if</li> </ul>	4	maintained;	- increased insurance costs;	and	- memorial safety in cemeteries	(Service objective 2)		Assistant Disector Deceasion		Services											
	Ref	CEMB	<u>o</u>		(ACCS	RS7)																		

	Further Action/ Responsibility	Continue to provide ongoing support and monitoring where relevant to ensure that action plan is implemented Review any claims received with the Trust and Trust Solicitor Action by: Director of Corporate Resources, Chief Financial Officer
	Residual Risk	27
09/10	Resid	ח
- Corporate Risk Register 2009/10	Controls	<ul> <li>Director of Corporate         Resources on APP Board     </li> <li>Legal advice obtained with regard to ongoing involvement by the council</li> <li>Financial and other support subject to formal approval processes</li> <li>Reviews completed to assess corporate governance and control processes</li> <li>Action plan in place to address identified areas for improvement and improve governance and internal control</li> <li>Control Owner:</li> <li>Director of Corporate Resources, Chief Financial Officer</li> </ul>
Haringey Council -	Inherent Risk	63
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	Risk	requires additional and/or ongoing resources which may be subject to challenge and subsequently impact on the council's key objectives. Inability to defend claims made against the Council and Trustees resulting in significant financial pressures.  Risk Owner:  Director of Corporate Resources, Chief Financial Officer
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	Further Action/ Responsibility	Interim insurance	arranged via LAML tor April – June 2009	pending judgement of	appeal court.	Contingency	arrangements with LAML	in place to cover July 09	- March 2010 pending	judgement of appeal	court	Court case stayed	pending resolution of	KMP v Brent	Action by	Head of Audit and Risk	Management	
	Residual Risk	5	35															
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Haringey Council - Corporate Hisk Register 2009/10	Controls	Early acceptance of LAML	terms ensured that contracts in place prior to court case	<ul> <li>Specialist insurance broker</li> </ul>	contracted to provide	external independent advice	<ul> <li>External solicitors appointed</li> </ul>	(on a cost-share basis) by	London boroughs to provide	defence to court summons	tiv docorage betseipto	other I ondon borolighs and	in-house Legal Services	Bedillar meetings beld with	LAML to review options and	approach	Control Owner:	Risk and Insurance Manager
	Inherent Risk	9 2	42															
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Further Action/ Responsibility	Develop improved project control and expertise. Improve the skills of those responsible for individual projects.  Established the Property Regeneration Board with dedicated resource.  Ongoing process of monitoring and reviewing market conditions and	s on program ic decisions ome projects been agreed at leteral.  y and princibeen agreed ate level.
Residual Risk	35 35	35
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Controls Re	<ul> <li>A programme management system with clear responsibility for all projects is in place.</li> <li>Specific staff and specialist consultants assigned to all major projects to focus on timetable outcomes</li> <li>Reporting/review structure in place to manage progress of projects</li> <li>improved monitoring and tracking systems have been</li> </ul>	implemented to ensure greater control.  Detailed analysis and monitoring of all disposals and projects is in place on a monthly basis.  Established the Property Regeneration Board with dedicated resource.  Control owner:  Asset Strategy & Development Manager  A detailed Risk Register is in place and being maintained and monitored.  Ensuring that resources are made available and tight controls are in place to track progress.
Inherent Risk	63	8 <b>40</b>
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Risk	Project delivery: Strategicprojects fail to progress to development stage. Risk Owner: Head of Corporate Property Services	Council's Accommodation Strategy is not completed on time and so fails to meet targets set by the Haringey Forward programme.  Risk Owner: Head of Corporate Property Services  Haringey Council Corporate Risk Register 2009/10 - April 2009
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	Further Action/ Responsibility	A change consultant has been added to the implementation team as part of the overall Project Plan arrangements	BU's to complete their BCPs Further planning in specific BU's Sign-off Council's Flu Plan Action by: Head of Service and EP&BC Manager
2	Residual Risk		8 3 24
Harlingey Council – Corporate Risk Register 2009/10	Controls	Control owner:  Corporate Landlord Manager	<ul> <li>Corporate contingency plan which complies with statutory requirements (Civil contingencies Act) is in place and approved by CEMB</li> <li>Critical services to be maintained during any pandemic have been identified</li> <li>Haringey PCT Flu plan in place</li> <li>Draft Flu pandemic contingency plan in place</li> <li>Control Owner:</li> <li>Head of Safer Communities</li> </ul>
arıngey Council -	Inherent Risk		9 3
30	Risk		Failure to prepare appropriately for a flu pandemic, increasing the risks to residents and staff Risk Owner: Head of Service and EP&BC Manager
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	Further Action/ Responsibility	Monitor project risks     and refine	engagement plan as	required.	Contingency plan for	legal claims	Action by:	Head of Human	Resources	
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Appendix 1 - Impact and Likelihood Scales to be used as a guide in assessing risk ratings

Descriptor 1	Impact Guide No impact	Likelihood Guide <1% likely to occur in next 12 months
8	Financial loss up to £5,000 or no impact outside single objective or no adverse publicity	1%-5% likely to occur in next 12 months
က	Financial loss up to £10,000 or no impact outside single objective or no adverse publicity	5%-10% likely to occur in next 12 months
4	Financial loss up to £50,000 or minor regulatory consequence or some impact on other objectives	10%-20% likely to occur in next 12 months
Ŋ	Financial loss up to £100,000 or impact on other objectives or local adverse publicity or strong regulatory criticism	20%-30% likely to occur in next 12 months
Q	Financial loss up to £300,000 or impact on many other processes or local adverse publicity or regulatory sanctions (such as intervention, public interest reports)	30%-40% likely to occur in next 12 months
7	Financial loss up to £500,000 or impact on strategic level objectives or national adverse publicity or strong regulatory sanctions	40%-60% likely to occur in next 12 months
ω	Financial loss up to £1 million or impact at strategic level or national adverse publicity or Central Government take over administration	60%-80% likely to occur in next 12 months
б	Financial loss above £1 million or major impact at strategic level or closure/transfer of business	>80% likely to occur in next 12 months

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Haringey is committed to developing a Risk Management Strategy, framework and the necessary supporting processes as part of the Council's on-going improvement programme. This will help to improve and strengthen corporate governance and front-line service delivery throughout the Council. The aim is to minimise the incidence and impact of risk taking activity, improve decision making and increase opportunities for innovation.

## The Council undertakes that this policy will promote and ensure that:

- 1. The management of risk is linked to performance improvement and the achievement of its priorities and service objectives.
- 2. Members, CEMB and senior management own, lead and support on risk management.
- 3. Ownership and accountability are clearly assigned for the management of risks throughout the Council.
- 4. There is a commitment to embedding risk management into the Council's culture and organisational processes at all levels including strategic, programme, project and operational.
- 5. All Members and officers acknowledge and embrace the importance of risk management as a process, by which key risks and opportunities are identified, evaluated, managed and contribute towards good corporate governance.
- 6. Effective monitoring and reporting mechanisms are in place to continuously review the Council's exposure to, and management of, risks and opportunities.
- 7. Open and inclusive processes are established and maintained by involving all those associated with the planning and delivery of services, including stakeholders and partners.
- 8. Best practice systems for managing risk are used throughout the Council, including mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing effectiveness against agreed standards and targets.
- 9. Accountability to stakeholders is fully demonstrated through periodic progress reports and an annual statement on the effectiveness of and the added value (benefits) from the Council's risk management strategy, framework and processes.
- 10. The Council's approach is regularly benchmarked against high performing public and private sector organisations.
- 11. The Risk Management Strategy is reviewed and updated annually in line with the Council's developing needs and requirements.

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 It is now recognised that all organisations face a range of risks which may affect the achievement of their objectives. Risk management is therefore an essential part of securing the 'health' of an organisation. Risk management is an important element in the running of any business: ensuring that threats to corporate objectives and service delivery are minimised; and that business opportunities are exploited to maximise resources or revenue.
- 1.2 Risk management is part of the overall arrangements for securing effective corporate governance. Corporate governance can be described as the systems which local authorities use to direct and control their operations and relate to their communities.
- 1.3 Good corporate governance can provide the authority's various communities, partners and other organisations, with confidence that the council maintains the highest possible standards in delivering their services. It is impossible for any organisation to achieve effective corporate governance arrangements without an effective risk management framework.
- 1.4 The council also has to comply with various statutory requirements which include issues relating to corporate governance or risk management. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 require local authorities to review, at least once a year, systems they have in place to control and manage the services they provide. From 2007/08, the Council must publish an annual governance statement, which represents the end results of its annual review, with its financial statements.
- 1.5 The Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) was introduced in order to evaluate local authorities' performance over a number of areas. Risk management is included within the annual 'Use of Resources' assessment and is still a key part of the assessment criteria for 2009 that is integral to the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).
- 1.6 Other key statutory issues for the council in relation to risk management include the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and its related legislation. Internally, the council has developed various business planning, performance and project management frameworks, including business continuity and emergency planning which all require risk management to be considered.
- 1.7 Everyone within the council has a role to play in managing risk. In order to put this in context and provide an explanation of how the various statutory and local requirements should be met, this corporate strategy has been developed. This builds on the previous risk management strategy to indicate where the various statutory and key corporate requirements fit in.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This strategy provides an overview of Haringey's risk management position and what the council needs to do to move towards achieving the highest ratings in the relevant CAA assessments. It updates the previous risk management strategy (January 2008) and clarifies the various roles, responsibilities and governance structures.
- 2.2 Haringey Council, via statutory requirements and corporately set objectives, must balance the demands of service users and tax payers; involve communities in service provision; deliver, commission and regulate services; and enter into strategic and local partnerships, often involving complex funding arrangements.
- 2.3 Balancing all of these, sometimes conflicting, objectives means that the council needs a framework which ensures that a pro-active approach is taken and risks are considered before decisions are taken by the appropriate body.
- 2.4The aim of this strategy is to ensure that risks are identified at the right time to enable good decisions to be made, including:
  - reducing the impact and/or number of risks which could prevent the council achieving its objectives;
  - ensuring that the council takes advantage of opportunities to improve its performance; and
  - working with organisations within the Haringey Strategic Partnership to maximise opportunities available.
- 2.5 Risk management can make a difference and enhance the performance of the council by:
  - · Identifying and preventing the bad things from happening; and
  - Ensuring that all the good things we want to do actually happen.
- 2.6The aim of this strategy is to ensure that everyone responsible for managing and taking decisions is aware not only of the key risk management functions, but also their responsibilities in relation to them.
- 2.7 From the departments' and business unit managers' perspectives, the emphasis should be to achieve their objectives and deliver their services. Risk management should be used to facilitate this in the most effective way possible. By using a systematic approach, managers will ensure that they consider all the options available to them, and be in a better position to anticipate and respond to changing social, environmental and legislative requirements.

## 3 WHAT IS RISK?

- 3.1 For a public body such as Haringey Council, risk can be defined as:

  Anything that poses a threat to the achievement of our objectives, programmes or service delivery to the residents, businesses and communities of Haringey.
- 3.2 Risks can come from inside or outside the council, and may include financial loss or gain, physical damage to people or buildings, client dissatisfaction, unfavourable publicity, failure of equipment, or fraud. Failing to take advantage of opportunities may also have risks for the Council, for example not bidding for external funding, or not publicising successes.
- 3.3 Taking advantage of new opportunities, for example working with the voluntary sector to deliver services, or working as part of the Haringey Strategic Partnership can also mean the Council has to deal with different types of risks. However, not taking advantage of these opportunities may leave the Council facing bigger risks in the future.
- 3.4 Therefore, some risks should not necessarily always be avoided. However, this means the Council should always carefully think through decisions which may cause losses of confidence, finance, or reputation. If risks are identified and managed effectively, they can allow the council to take opportunities for improving services.
- 3.5 Risks can be classified according to how they may affect the council as it delivers its services:
  - Corporate (strategic) risks risks which may affect the council's ability to achieve its plans.
  - Reputational risks risks that may undermine the confidence that the council's partners, customers, staff and the public have in it, e.g. adverse news articles.
  - Service (operational) risks risks which may prevent the council delivering its core services, e.g. lack of staff, damage to buildings, equipment failure.
  - Financial risks risks which may cause a breakdown in the council's financial systems e.g. fraud. Alternatively, risks arising from the credit crunch and economic downturn, e.g. on investments, debt management, etc.

## 4 WHAT IS AN ACCEPTABLE RISK?

- 4.1 As a general principle, the Council will seek to eliminate and control all those risks which:
  - have a high potential for incidents to occur;
  - would have a substantial adverse financial or reputational impact;
  - would cause loss of public confidence in the Council and/or its partner organisations; or
  - may stop the Council from carrying out its statutory functions or achieving its strategic objectives.
- 4.2 The Council recognises that it is impossible to eliminate all risks, especially those which it has no control over e.g. UK economy, changes to legislation, climate and weather influences, or external power failure. This is not an exhaustive list, but provided for illustrative purposes only.
- 4.3 The Council will always try to reduce or eliminate risks wherever possible, but it needs to strike the right balance between how much it costs to manage or eliminate risks and taking no action. For example, the costs of eliminating risks in a system may be more than the amount of money the Council may lose if the system were to fail. In these circumstances, the Council would want to ensure that there were sensible precautions taken to manage the risks, but that these were balanced against what it would cost if the system were to break down.
- 4.4 Systems that the Council puts in place should therefore be flexible enough to encourage innovation and imaginative use of its limited resources, subject to any legal requirements, in order to deliver better services to its residents.
- 4.5 All projects and change programmes carry with them some risk of failure. The willingness to take advantage of opportunities or new innovation, in a managed way, is a sign of an ambitious organisation. It is important that risks associated with opportunities and innovation are identified and effectively managed, to ensure that the strategic objectives of the Council are achieved.

## 5 WHAT IS RISK MANAGEMENT?

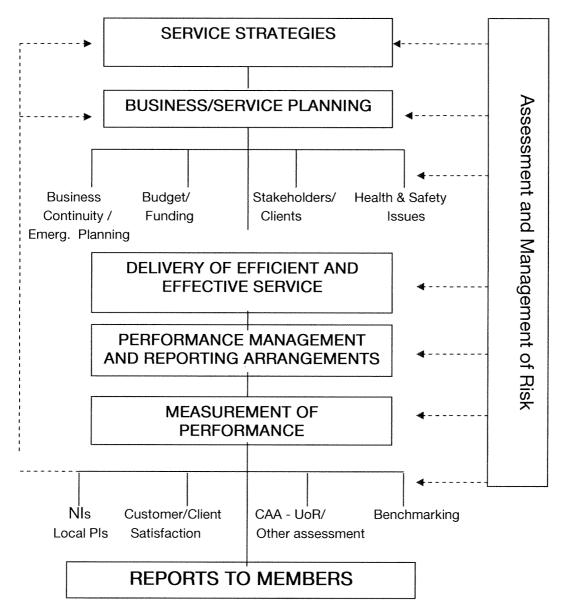
- 5.1 There is no such thing as a risk-free environment, but many risks can be avoided, reduced or eliminated through good risk management. Good risk management also takes advantage of opportunities while analysing and dealing with risks.
- 5.2 Risk management is something that managers do every day as part of their normal work, although it may not always be written down, and managers may not use a formal procedure to make their final decision. Risk management can be explained as a tool for managers to use so that they are able to identify, evaluate and manage both risks and opportunities in a logical and consistent way.
- 5.3 Good risk management is forward looking and helps to improve business decisions and manage performance. It is not only about avoiding or minimising losses, but also about dealing positively with opportunities.
- 5.4 In addition to fulfilling statutory requirements, it should be recognised that there are many benefits to making sure that risk management is considered and applied at all levels in the Council, including:¹
  - Allowing managers to focus on the issues that really matter;
  - Spending less management time on operational issues;
  - Fewer surprises;
  - · Managers are focused on doing the right things, in the right way;
  - Better chance of achieving business objectives;
  - Better chance that new developments can be delivered on time, in accordance with the planned programme and within budget; and
  - · More informed risk taking and decision making.
- 5.5 Risk management should be considered as a continuous process, which evolves as the Council gains more understanding of the risks and opportunities facing it and how to manage these effectively.
- 5.6 Risk management consists of a number of elements, which should be considered and applied regularly during the course of the year, as part of the Council's cycle of performance management and improvement processes:
  - Understanding the Council's, department's, or business unit's objectives;
  - Identifying and assessing the risks facing it;
  - Assessing the actions in place to manage the risks:
  - Taking action to improve, monitor and learn from experiences.

¹ Source: 'Embedding Risk Management into the Culture of your Organisation', The Institute of Internal Auditors – UK and Ireland, October 2003.

## 6 WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RISK MANAGEMENT?

- 6.1 Directors and senior managers are responsible for managing their services. They are therefore responsible for identifying, assessing and managing the risks associated with planning, delivering and monitoring each of their services.
- 6.2The following diagram illustrates the key processes in the council's overall approach to the provision of its services. The assessment and management of risk is essential to all aspects of this approach and is shown as an overarching aspect of service delivery.

Figure1



- 6.2 Additionally, the Chief Financial Officer has a specific statutory responsibility, under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, to ensure that the Council maintains high standards in managing its financial systems and that procedures comply with all relevant legislation and local procedures.
- 6.4 The Chief Executive's Management Board (CEMB) is responsible for approving the Council's risk management strategy at officer level and for ensuring that this is reviewed and updated on a regular basis. CEMB is also responsible for reviewing and approving the corporate risk register, business continuity plan and health and safety policy on a regular basis.
- 6.5 The Council's Audit Committee has responsibility for approving the risk management strategy at member level and is also responsible for reviewing, on an annual basis, the implementation of risk management across the Council. Risk management is included as part of the portfolio for the Cabinet Member for Resources.
- 6.6 The Council has a statutory responsibility to "assess the risk of an emergency occurring" under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. This responsibility is undertaken in partnership with other agencies (e.g. the Emergency Services), and the resulting Community Risk Register is signed off at the Local Resilience Forum.
- 6.7 The Council also has a responsibility to ensure that the strategy covers bodies working in partnership with the Council. It is critical that both the risk appetite and risk management arrangements for all parties are discussed and clearly understood before a partnership is created. In particular, a risk management strategy has been developed for the Haringey Strategic Partnership and risk registers are being developed for each of the partnership theme boards.
- 6.8 Figure 1 above sets out the various areas across the council where managers need to consider the risks in relation to their business, and how these should be addressed. In practice, the council has various corporate systems and processes which should be completed in order to ensure that risks are appropriately considered. These are set out below in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Area/Process	Action required/Response
Business/Service Planning	Risk Register(s) to be completed
Project & Programme Management	Haringey Project Management
	Framework to be followed
Business Continuity/Disaster	Business Continuity Plan(s) to be
Recovery	completed
Health and Safety	Risk Assessment(s) to be completed
Performance Management	National (LAA) and local indicators to
_	be monitored

## 7 RISK MANAGEMENT – THE FRAMEWORK

- 7.1 Our vision is that all significant risks which may prevent the Council from achieving its objectives and all appropriate opportunities are identified, assessed and cost effectively managed, as part of the whole Council performance management process.
- 7.2 The key objectives of the framework are to ensure that the Council has a consistent approach and basis for measuring, controlling, monitoring, follow-up and reporting of risk that is based on what the Council, not any individual, judges to be acceptable levels of risk.
- 7.3 The framework demonstrates how the management of risk is embedded in the various business processes across the council, including business planning, financial planning, business continuity, performance management and project management.
- 7.4 Table 2 below provides a summary of the council's business planning cycle and how the business processes operate within this.

Table 2

Timing	Activity	Completed by	Key Contact
April	Draft Business Plans	BU Head	Performance Management Team
April and September	Review and update of risk register	BU Head/ DMT/ CEMB	Head of Audit & Risk Management
April and September	Review and update of Business Continuity Plan	BU Head/ DMT/ CEMB	Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Manager
September	Pre-Business Plan Review	BU Head	Performance Management Team
April - March	Collate and monitor performance Indicators	BU Head	Performance Management Team
April - March	Submission of Project Management Highlight reports	Project Lead	Project Management Office
April	Undertake risk assessments	BU Head/ DMT	Health & Safety Manager

- 7.5 Education, training & awareness is achieved by:
- Facilitated workshops, training sessions and meetings with Members, managers and staff at various levels.
- A developing framework of standards, practical guidance notes and briefings.
- Regular meetings with managers and staff to heighten awareness and share views, ideas and experiences.
- 7.6 From April 2009, the Council will implement Covalent Software and this interactive database will be used to develop:
- Corporate, departmental and business unit risk registers that will be updated on a continuous basis. These will be based on identifying an "analysis gap" between "where we are now" and where we want to be over an agreed timeframe.
- High level risk actions that form part of Managers' performance management dashboards.
- A database of risk data and information for analysis and reporting.
- The identification of control areas that need to underpin the Strategic and Annual Internal Audit Plans.
- Further integration with outcomes from value for money reviews; outstanding high risk audit recommendations; corporate health and safety risks; business continuity management; Civil Contingencies Act; Crime and Disorder; and Equalities, etc.
- Effective links between risk management, performance management, project management and business planning, etc.
- 7.7 Previous sections of this strategy have listed the areas where the council requires managers to complete corporate processes. Table 3 below details the appendices which set out how the framework operates in practice for each of these areas:

Table 3

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## 8 HOW ARE RISKS REVIEWED AND REPORTED?

- 8.1 The council has various means of measuring and recording risks. The reporting of each of these areas, together with the links between each process, is set out below.
- 8.2 Risk registers are subject to regular review and update, at least quarterly, by business units, departments and CEMB. The timing for review should coincide with and form part of the annual planning process. As a minimum, risks should be formally considered twice a year in line with submission of the Pre-business Plan Reviews (PBPR's) in September and the annual business plans in April. Key risks are escalated from business unit registers to departmental registers and ultimately on to the corporate register where the realisation of the risk may impact on the ability to achieve corporate or statutory objectives.
- 8.3 The Corporate Business Continuity Plan (BCP) is reviewed on a quarterly basis, and subject to test on an annual basis. The Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Planning team maintain the corporate plan, incorporating lessons from incidents and exercises. Business Unit BCP's should be reviewed twice a year in line with the business planning cycle (in September and April). Reports are provided to CEMB and members detailing the implementation and management of the council's BCP's. Key BCP risks are included on business unit, departmental and the corporate risk register as appropriate.
- 8.4The council's project management framework requires risks affecting each project to be reviewed prior to the submission of each project highlight report (normally monthly) and reported to the relevant project and programme board. Reports to CEMB and members are provided on a regular basis as part of the reporting cycle. Projects which carry significant risks to the achievement of business unit or departmental objectives should be included in business unit or departmental risk registers, with escalation to the corporate risk register in cases where the failure of the project may impact on the ability to achieve corporate or statutory objectives.
- 8.5 Health and safety risks are addressed based on the Health and Safety Executive's 'Sensible Risk Management' strategy, which the council has adopted. Managers at all levels are required to ensure that key assessment processes e.g. display screen assessments and safe working practices are completed on a regular basis. Reports to CEMB and members detailing compliance with the council's policies are provided on a regular basis.
- 8.6 Performance management information, including statutory and local performance indicators, is provided on a regular basis to CEMB and members. The council uses a 'balanced scorecard' to highlight key risk areas.
- 8.7The Council has to produce an **Annual Governance Statement** every year, which is an assessment of the systems the Council has in place to control and manage the services they provide. This risk management strategy and framework will provide assurance to CEMB and members that risks are being properly managed.

Risk Registers - Status as at April 2009

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25	Adults Culture and Community Services (ACCS)	Dept	Adults Culture and Community Services	April 09
26	ACCS	BU	Commissioning & Strategy	April 09
27	ACCS	BU	Adult Services	April 09
28	ACCS	BU	Recreation Services	April 09
29	ACCS	BU	Adult learning, Libraries & Culture	April 09
30	Urban Environment (UE)	Dept	Urban Environment	January 09
31	UE	BU	Strategic & Community Housing	January 09
32	UE	BU	Frontline Services	January 09
33	UE	BU	Planning Policy & Development	January 09
34	UE	BU	Enforcement	January 09