

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Quarterly Update on Corporate Risks from the Executive Board

Report by Jane Eaton, Executive Head: Governance and Logistics

FOR NOTING

Cabinet Lead for Governance & Logistics

Key Decision: No

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report tells the Committee about the Council's corporate governance and risk management arrangements and gives the Committee an update on the highest corporate risks reviewed by the Joint Executive Board in August.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee notes the most serious corporate risks reviewed by the Joint Executive Board on 5 August.

3.0 Summary

- 3.1 This report tells the Committee about the risks the Executive Board felt remained high after mitigation at their last review meeting.

4.0 Subject of Report

- 4.1 To oversee the effectiveness of risk management the Governance & Audit Committee note the most important risks facing the Council at the last quarterly review of the risk registers by the Executive Board. The last quarterly review was on 5 August 2014. The most important risks, those showing red on our corporate risk register after mitigation, at this time were:
- 4.1.1 IT provision remained a risk due to the continued level of change in IT including the implementation of a new Finance System in April 2015. All our IT projects are professionally managed by qualified project managers, however, the scale of change means they still remain high risk.
- 4.1.2 Manpower and resources remain a high risk and could put some corporate objectives at risk. The main area continuing to experience difficulties is parking. Management have taken action to reduce these risks through the use of recruitment organisations and this has had some success in professional services such as finance.

4.1.3 Political leadership and service continuity remain a high risks as the new Cabinet settles into its new roles. Following the resignation of the Service Manager: Environmental Health in August this service area is now an increasing risk area for service continuity.

4.1.4 Management team added the political pressure around the 2015 elections to the risk register in July. Management will continue to monitor the impact of these elections in conjunction with Cabinet Leads in the run up to the election.

5.0 Implications

5.1 Resources:

There are no resource implications of this report because risk management is one of the regular funded functions of the management of the Council.

5.2 Legal:

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.3 Strategy:

Sound risk management supports the Council's objective of financial sustainability by ensuring financial risks are controlled and customer service excellence by ensuring the continuity of our services.

5.4 Risks:

This report forms part of the Council's risk management arrangements.

5.5 Communications:

There is no need for communications following this report.

5.6 For the Community:

There is no community impact from this report but it will assist in ensuring the community continue to receive vital council services.

5.7 **The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)** is not needed for this report because it does not contain a decision.

6.0 Consultation

Executive Board and the Risk Management Group.

Background Papers:

None

Agreed and signed off by:

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