

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - 5 MARCH 2019

RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND CORPORATE RISK REGISTER REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

This report outlines the work being undertaken in relation to the council's approach to risk management, its risk management strategy and the corporate risk register.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:-

- (i) note the new Risk, Resilience and Safety Service structure, and
- (ii) scrutinise the revised risk management strategy and note that it was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 29 January 2019.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report will contribute to the outcomes outlined in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, Locality Plans and the Council Plan, focusing on the economy, people and place.

3. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to Item 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 23rd August 2016, report no. 310/16 where the council's updated risk management strategy was noted.

The risk management strategy is reviewed every two years to ensure it remains current and addresses the needs of the organisation. The outcome of the latest review was reported to 29 January 2019 Policy and Resources Committee and approved.

4. CURRENT POSITION

A new service of risk, resilience and safety has brought together all of the risk functions within the council. This provides opportunities for the sharing of and integration of risk priorities across the organisation, whilst supporting council services to be much more accountable and responsible for all aspects of risk underpinning their business objectives. This is also strengthened by developing a more proactive approach with the audit and governance and change teams.

As we continue to transform and change, risk will be to the fore of all that we do.

The update of the risk management strategy is the first step in condensing and presenting succinctly our overview of risk and importantly, aligning to the council's plan and priorities.

The next stage will be to review the accompanying guidance to support improvements and wider integration in our approach to risk. This will be undertaken in 2019 with work already progressing in this regard.

The Council's corporate risk register is now due for a comprehensive review which reflects the changing needs of the organisation. Given this work has commenced it is proposed to report this to this committee at its meeting on 18 June 2019.

5. PROPOSAL

That Committee note the new team structure and scrutinise the updated risk management strategy.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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