

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 24 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**CORPORATE RISK REGISTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE REVIEW**

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**ABSTRACT**

This report provides an update of the work being undertaken in relation to the council's approach to risk management, its risk management guidance and the corporate risk register.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) note the outcome of the review that has been undertaken on the corporate risk register and
- (ii) scrutinise the corporate risk register dashboard and significant risks, scored at 15 or above.
- (iii) scrutinise the revised risk management guidance which aligns with the updated risk management strategy.

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

This report will contribute to the outcomes outlined in the Local 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 this Committee of 18 June 2019, report no. 193/19 where the work being done to review and develop the council's corporate risk register and risk management guidance was outlined.

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

An in-depth review of the council's risk management arrangements including the corporate risk register has been undertaken. This was agreed by the Corporate Leadership Team at their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Good progress has been made. This includes a new dashboard approach providing an outline of all corporate risks, risk owner, scoring and progress with mitigation measures. There is also a section for new risks. The dashboard is attached at appendix 1.

Risk templates for risks with a current score of 15 or above (red) are attached to this report and provide more detailed information on risk context and priority actions.

The council's risk management guidance now comprises of a step by step guide and a more detailed reference document. Final amendments to the reference document are being concluded and the latest version of this and the step by step guide are attached at appendix 2 and 3 respectively.

The next steps will be to deliver training on the new guidance and also the roles and responsibilities of accountable groups. Work is nearing completion on the content of the training and roll out will commence in November.

## **5. PROPOSALS**

The Committee scrutinises the progress of the corporate risk register and risk management guidance and training.

## **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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List of Appendices:-

Appendix 1 – Dashboard & Risk Templates

Appendix 2 – Step by Step Guide

Appendix 3 – Reference Booklet