

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2021

CORPORATE RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the work being undertaken to embed the council's risk management framework and a reviewed and updated corporate risk register for consideration.

A revised version of the Tayside Integration Joint Boards (IJBs) Risk Management Framework is also presented for information.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) note the ongoing work taking risk management forward,
- (ii) scrutinise the corporate risk register dashboard and all risks contained therein and
- (iii) note the revised IJB Risk Management Framework

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/COUNCIL PLAN

The contents of this report contribute to the achievement of the corporate priorities set out in the Angus Community Plan and the Council Plan. This is achieved through this report providing the Scrutiny & Audit Committee with information and assurance about the council's identified corporate risks and the embedding of our risk management framework.

3. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to item 9 of the minute of this Committee on 26 January 2021, report no. 13/21 where an update was provided on the training being undertaken to embed the council's risk management framework into its operations and decision making processes and an update of the corporate risk register was reported.

4. CURRENT POSITION

Specific training and guidance with individual senior management teams to assist in their identification of risks to the provision of their directorate / service objectives / outcomes is being programmed from now until the end of December 2021. This is the target date for all service / directorate risk registers to be reviewed, updated and recorded on Pentana, the council's performance management system.

The two-yearly review of the council's risk management strategy is underway and particular emphasis is being given to developing the council's risk appetite. Work is underway in conjunction with Zurich Municipal risk consultants which will include carrying out a short survey and workshop. This Committee will be kept informed of developments in this area.

The corporate risk register has been reviewed and risks updated. The risk dashboard has been updated accordingly. It has been determined that the Recovery and Renew risk was more relevant sitting within each directorate rather than on the corporate risk register as that is where the control is exercised and managed.

The dashboard and detailed risks are attached at appendix 1 and appendix 2 respectively.

The Angus IJB adopted a Risk Management Strategy which had been developed in partnership by the three Tayside Health and Social Care Partnerships, the three Tayside local authorities and NHS Tayside. This partnership has been reflected in the formation of a Tayside Risk Management Group. The group has worked together to review the current framework. The revised framework is attached at Appendix 3 to this report and sets out the risk management approach and vision and how the strategy will be implemented.

5. PROPOSALS

The Committee scrutinises the progress of the corporate risk register and the ongoing work to embed the council's risk management framework.

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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Appendix 3 Revised Tayside IJBs Risk Management Framework