

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 30 NOVEMBER 2021

DETAILED RISK REPORTING TO SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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ABSTRACT

This report presents detailed risk information to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee in line with proposals agreed by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee in August 2021 (Report 256/21 refers).

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee scrutinise and note the information presented about the Pandemic -Covid 19 risk.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

The contents of this report, and the related presentation provide the Committee with a deeper understanding of a key corporate risk that may prevent achievement of the Council Plan, and the steps being taken to mitigate the risk.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 It was agreed that individual risk presentations would be made to Scrutiny and Audit Committee meetings in line with an agreed programme.

3.2 The following timetable for 2021/22 is based on the Corporate Risk Register at August 2021. This covers one risk that was new at January 2021, and the three highest scoring risks which are all red.

S&A meeting date	Lead officer	Risk to be presented	Risk score	Risk Target
24 August 2021	Director of Finance	Financial Sustainability	16	9
23 September 2021	Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support	IT resilience & Cyber-attack (Business Continuity)	16	8
30 November 2021	Chief Executive	Pandemic - Covid-19	20	15
25 January 2022	Depute Chief Executive	Health & Safety	12	6
1 March 2022	Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth	Climate change (New)	9	6

3.3 There are no significant changes in risk score ranking, or any new risks added to the risk register and therefore there is currently no need to review the programme.

4. CURRENT POSITION

There will be a short presentation on the Pandemic -Covid 19 risk. The related information from the Corporate Risk Register is included in Appendix 1.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required, as this report does not impact on people. It does not impact on people because this report provides information about risks and their mitigation. Any people impact would be dealt with at other active stages of mitigation if applicable.

Background Papers

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

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Appendix 1- Corporate Risk Register - Pandemic -Covid 19

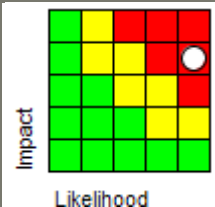
Risk

R-AC-COR-00005 Pandemic - Covid19

Risk Description

The ongoing response to the global Covid19 pandemic impacts the council's ability to continue to provide essential services and to protect the most vulnerable citizens of Angus, the wider community and the local economy.

Actions/Controls already in place

	
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Likelihood

This is an ongoing emergency response.
 New strain of virus emerging, implications for increased transmission.
 Ongoing oversight and direction from UK and Scottish Governments.
 Additional risk of concurrent events over winter e.g. flu, EU Exit, severe weather

Potential Impact




Increasing pressures on health and social care systems.
 Increasing demand on existing resources. Targeting resources at emergency response reduces capacity elsewhere to sustain business as usual.
 Ongoing hardship for citizens and local businesses.
 Impact on vulnerable groups.
 Financial implications for council and local economy.
 Increased risk of additional deaths.
 Reduced customer confidence in the council's ability to deliver business as usual services
 Economic impact local, regional and national business
 Opportunity to redesign services and accelerate transformational change




Likelihood Score: 5
Potential Impact Score: 4
Overall Risk Score: 20

Target Likelihood: 5
Target Impact: 3
Target Risk Score: 15

Latest Note	Latest Note Date	Latest Note Author
This risk is being carefully monitored and evaluated as we are still in the pandemic and experiencing the onset of winter.	25 Oct 2021	Margo Williamson

Mitigating Actions

Action	Due Date	Status	Assigned To	Latest Note	Latest Note Date
AC-COR-00039 Review and prioritise service delivery	31-Dec-2021	 In progress	Mark Armstrong	Due date revised to take account of ongoing Covid response management. IMT and Gold continue to meet to manage the response to and recovery from the pandemic. Services continue to flex and respond to dynamic Covid situation.	14-Jul-2021
AC-COR-00040 Continue to support the test and protect measures	31-Mar-2022	 In progress	Mark Armstrong	The LTR T&P Group continues to meet fortnightly and report to LRP meetings. System across Tayside in managing with demands and changes. A proposal for asymptomatic testing across Tayside is being refined to secure Scottish Government approval and funding. Probability is that T&P will continue beyond October 2021 and end date should be revised to 31 March 2022	21-Jun-2021
AC-COR-00041 Demand management programme to develop opportunities for change in service delivery.	31-Dec-2021	 In progress	Mark Armstrong	Tender process has secured a partner to work with Council and ACPP on Service Design and suitable projects are presently being considered and scoped. Projects will be initiated prior to end of the year and will use Service Design to review and co-design services that have the user experience at their centre. New Service Leader Vibrant Communities post has been established and successful applicant commenced in post on 25 October. They will lead on demand management work within the Council and with ACPP partners and our communities.	22-Oct-2021

AC-COR-00042 Ensure recovery and renew activity learns from positive ways of working.	01-Mar-2022	 In progress	Jackie Buchanan	Virtual meetings both at officer level and for Council and Committees has continued successfully throughout the pandemic allowing the Council to function as well as bringing benefits in terms of cost reduction, reduced carbon footprint and greater flexibility for both staff and the public. Online processes continue to be developed in support of the new ways of working covering all aspects of Council service delivery.	17-Nov-2021
AC-COR-00043 Support the delivery of mass vaccination programme (NHS public health lead)	31-Mar-2022	 In progress	Gavin Balfour	Vaccination centres are operating well. Expected use for COVID booster clinics into the New Year. Due date extended to 31 March 2022.	02-Nov-2021
AC-COR-00044 Ensure the effective administration of Scottish Govt grants	30-Jun-2021	 Complete	Vivien Smith	<p>A member of staff has been seconded to keep a register of all grants coming to Angus Council. Work is underway to secure new levelling up grant funding and a bid is being progressed for regeneration funding.</p> <p>Work has progressed with business support grants and all support schemes delivered as planned.</p>	23-Jul-2021