

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 25 JANUARY 2022

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.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) note the ongoing work taking risk management forward and
- (ii) scrutinise the corporate risk register dashboard and all risks contained therein.

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 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 10 of the minute of this Committee on 24 August 2021, report no. 255/21 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

Discussions with most individual senior management teams to formally identify and further understand service level risks have taken place. These are ongoing and are at different stages of completion. Further meetings are to be held early in the new year with a revised target completion date of 31 March 2022 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 was commenced in July 2021 but has been impacted by higher priority work. This Committee will be kept informed of developments in this area. Revised target completion date of 31 March 2022.

The extensions to these completion dates have been requested as part of the Corporate Governance – Action Plan Updates report number XX/22 submitted to this committee meeting.

The corporate risk register has been reviewed and risks and associated actions updated.

The Financial Sustainability risk score has been amended upward from 16 to 20. This reflects the increased likelihood of risk given the latest grant settlement and the outlook for the future.

A proposal will be submitted to the council's EU Exit Group in January 2022 to close off the Exit from the European Union corporate risk. It is proposed that while uncertainty remains for many businesses, the impact on Angus Council is manageable currently.

A new corporate risk has been added titled Data Migration and centres around the Eclipse system. This has been escalated from the Children, Families and Justice service risk register.

Full details of each risk are included in the corporate risk report at Appendix 2.

The risk dashboard has been updated accordingly. The dashboard is attached at appendix 1.

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 1 Corporate Risk Dashboard

Appendix 2 Corporate Risk Report