

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 AUGUST 2023

CORPORATE RISKS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the progress and the work being undertaken on the council's risk management framework, including an updated corporate risk register.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee:

- (i) notes the continuing work being undertaken to promote and embed risk management and
- (ii) scrutinises the corporate risk register and all risks contained therein.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

The contents of this report contribute to the delivery of the corporate priorities set out in the Community Planning and Council Plans. This is achieved by providing the Scrutiny and Audit Committee with information and assurance on the council's corporate risks and the ongoing work to embed and fully utilise the risk management framework.

3. BACKGROUND

Reference is made to item 7 of the minute of this Committee on 31 January 2023, report no. 206/22, where an update was provided on work undertaken to promote and embed risk management. The updated corporate risk register was also reported.

4. CURRENT POSITION

The Risk Monitoring Group continues to meet quarterly. At the meeting on 14th July a review of the following areas was undertaken:

- Corporate risk register
- Directorate risk registers
- Review and agree Terms of Reference

In addition, proposals were discussed on the development of the risk appetite framework, future committee reporting arrangements and undertaking an annual review of corporate risks, aligned to the budget and service planning process. A report will be submitted to the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and to a future meeting of this committee.

Directorate risk registers are now being uploaded to Pentana, our performance management system, and the committee reporting arrangements for these registers is also being considered by the Risk Monitoring Group. In the first instance, the registers will be scrutinised by this group.

As highlighted, all corporate risks have been reviewed. The summary dashboard is noted at Appendix 1 and a detailed report included at Appendix 2.

The following risk score has been revised:

- a. The health & safety compliance risk score has been increased from 9 to 12 due to competing demands, resource implications and the addition of fire risk. The impact score has been increased from 3 to 4. All existing actions have been reviewed and updated with one new action being added.

The following risk has been de-escalated from corporate to be considered at a directorate level:

- a. The Pandemic – COVID19; detail is given in Appendix 2

New additional actions have also been identified and added to the Financial Sustainability risk.

The National Care Service (Scotland) Bill is being closely monitored, and any risk implications developed as required.

5. PROPOSALS

That the Committee scrutinises the progress of the corporate risk register and the ongoing work on the council's risk management framework.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An equality impact assessment is not required as this report is for information only, it does not impact on people, and it is reflective.

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 Register