

**To the Chair and Members of the
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

STRATEGIC RISK UPDATE FOR QUARTER 2 2014/15

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide a progress update on strategic risks for Quarter 2 2014/15. The current profile of strategic risks is set out in Appendix A and are reported in order of risk score, highest to lowest, as requested at a previous Audit Committee meeting.

There are 16 strategic risks linked to the Corporate Plan. This includes a new strategic risks based on the performance of the Children's Trust.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. Not applicable

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Members should note and comment on the content of this report.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The embedding of robust risk management arrangements within the Council incorporating the management of strategic risks creates an environment in which we can successfully meet our objectives to deliver Doncaster's priorities and the Mayoral Priorities Outcome Framework.

BACKGROUND

5. Due to the importance of the strategic risks the Director of Finance and Corporate Services requested that the quarterly update on strategic risks is presented as a separate report, and not as part of the quarterly Finance and Performance report. This is to ensure that strategic risks are effectively managed in line with the Risk Management Policy.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. Not applicable

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. Not applicable

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

8.

Priority	Implications
<p>We will support a strong economy where businesses can locate, grow and employ local people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The embedding of robust risk management arrangements within the Council will contribute to the effective delivery of all the Council's key priorities</p>
<p>We will help people to live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
<p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
<p>We will support all families to thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
<p>We will deliver modern value for money services.</p>	
<p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. Consideration of the effective development and operation of risk management within the Council is an important governance and performance management process which helps to reduce risks that could prevent or delay delivery of objectives. The Risk Management Policy includes a requirement to review strategic risks on a quarterly basis and this is a matter of good management and good governance.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Any specific implications will be reported separately and in the context of any initiative proposed to be taken in relation to the management of strategic risk.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Should any specific initiatives be required, in response to the management of strategic risks, any cost implications will be reported and addressed as and when they arise.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

12. Not applicable

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

13. Decision makers must consider the Council's duties under the Public Sector Equality Duty at s149 of the Equality Act 2010. The duty requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the act, and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a 'protected characteristic' and those who do not share that protected characteristic. There are no specific equality implications arising from this report. However, any activities arising from the management of strategic risks will need to be the subject of separate 'due regard' assessments.

CONSULTATION

14. Consultation has taken place with strategic risk owners and Directorate Management Teams as part of the quarterly performance challenge process.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

15. Reports generated via Covalent for Directorate Q2 challenge meetings.

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