



## **Audit and Risk Committee**

**25 February 2021**

## **Corporate Risk Register – Position at 31 January 2021**

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### **Report of Deputy Chief Executive**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide details of the Corporate Risk Register as at 31 January 2021.

#### **Background**

2. The Service actively manages risks at all levels of the organisation. The Authority's Risk Management Strategy sets out the framework for the reporting of risks and mitigating actions to members of the Fire Authority. This process also enables members to consider any risks that they have identified and their impact on the Authority.

#### **Corporate Risk Register**

3. The corporate risk register is a dynamic document that provides a summary of the high-level risks facing the Service. Officers review the risks facing the Service on an on-going basis as part of the overall control framework within individual sections. The Service Management Team and the Service Leadership Team also scrutinise risks monthly to ensure a corporate and cross cutting approach.
4. There were twelve risks on the corporate risk register on 31 January 2021. The register shows the original risk that has been identified, the gross risk score and the residual risk score after mitigating actions. A copy of the corporate risk register is attached.

#### **Closed Risks**

No risks were closed during the period.

#### **New Risks**

***ER221 Loss of emergency communications as a result of failure of the Integrated Communication Control System (ICCS).***

Our current contracts for system support expire at the end of December 2021. We are currently working closely with the providers of the system to ensure that extended support is provided in lieu of a replacement system which is currently running up to 8 months behind schedule.

## **Risks Removed from the Corporate Register**

No risks were removed during the period.

## **Risks that have increased in severity**

### ***ER224 Failure to respond effectively and provided services due to industrial action.***

The score has been increased to reflect the current industrial relations position and the trade unions response to undertaking additional activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Risks that have reduced in severity**

### ***FIN153 The actual position relating to pay awards, inflation and grant cuts etc. turns out to be different to the assumptions underpinning the MTFP leading to a greater budget deficit.***

The score has been reduced to reflect the current mitigation and the national position particularly relating to funding for the increased cost of pension contributions going forward.

## **Recommendations**

6. Members are requested to:

- (i) **Consider** the Corporate Risk Register Report attached.
- (ii) **Advise** of any risks that may impact on the Service and Authority that are not shown in the Corporate Risk Register.