

Safest People, Safest Places

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Authority



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2022

CORPORATE RISK REGISTER – POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose of Report

1. To provide details of the Corporate Risk Register as at 31 December 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 ten risks on the corporate risk register on 31 December 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

No new risks were added during the period.

Risks Removed from the Corporate Register

No risks were removed during the period.

Risks that have increased in severity

ER218 Heightened terrorist threat in County Durham and Darlington

The score on this risk has been increased following the rise in the national security threat level to severe.

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 on this risk has been increased to reflect the recent increase in the rate of inflation and the substantial rise in energy costs.

Risks that have reduced in severity

No risks reduced in severity during the period.

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.