



Safest People, Safest Places

Audit and Finance Committee

28 September 2022

Corporate Risk Register – Position at 31 August 2022

Report of Deputy Chief Executive

Purpose of Report

1. To provide details of the Corporate Risk Register at 31 August 2022.

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 are currently eleven risks on the corporate risk register. 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 at Appendix 1.

Closed Risks

No risks were closed during the period.

New Risks

FIN229 Escalating Costs of Command and Control

Indications from our supplier Motorola suggest that their future pricing model will increase from quarter 3 2022. This increase could be in the order of £500K. The Service has a fixed price contract with Motorola until December 2023 and is in negotiation with Motorola about future pricing and may explore alternative options.

ER222 Significant number of empty and derelict properties within the Authority area.

There are a significant number of empty and derelict buildings that are in poor condition and/or ineffectively secured which present a fire risk. A working group has been established with the County Council and the Police to prioritise work to secure the buildings or find a permanent solution.

Risks Removed from the Corporate Register

ICT 208 Failure to meet the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP) local transition schedule, or other risks presented from undertaking transition to ESN.

This risk has been downgraded in severity and removed from the corporate risk register. It will be monitored as a section risk going forward.

Risks that have increased in severity

FIN 152 Failure to achieve the savings via the service transformation options outlined in the CRMP consultation 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 which will impact on the level of deficit in the medium-term financial plan going forward.

Risks that have reduced in severity

ER218 Heightened terrorist threat in County Durham and Darlington

The score on this risk has been reduced to reflect the latest intelligence.

Recommendations

5. Members are requested to **note** the report.