

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 2022/23 Quarter 1 Corporate Risk Register

Committee name	Audit Committee
Officer reporting	Stephanie Rao, Internal Audit Manager
Items with report	Summary CRR 2022/21 Quarter 1 Detailed CRR 2022/23 Quarter 1 Appendix A - Risk Management Scoring Methodology
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HEADLINES

This report presents to the Audit Committee the Corporate Risk Register (CRR) for Quarter 1 (April – June 2022), updated as at 12th September 2022. The report provides evidence to the Audit Committee about how identified corporate risks are being managed and the mitigating actions in place. This report follows a review of the CRR by the Corporate Risk Management Group (CRMG) on 12th September 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Audit Committee:

1. Review the CRR for Quarter 1 (1st April to 30th June 2022) as part of its role to independently assure the Council's corporate risk management arrangements; and
2. Suggest any comments/amendments.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Internal Audit continues to attend senior management team meetings and meet with individual Officer Leads to discuss the status of current risks and any new risks which may have been identified since the last review. Any risks which need to be escalated to the CRR will be discussed with the relevant corporate director and reported to CRMG on a quarterly basis.

The key movements in the CRR since 2021/22 Quarter 4 are as follows:

- Risk 2 - Meeting Housing Needs - The risk of not meeting housing needs in LBH.
The risk owner has been changed from 'Perry Scott' to 'Mark Billings' in line with structural changes.
- Risk 3 - Asylum / Unaccompanied Minors / Trafficked Children & Young People
The Cause has been updated to include the impact of the detention centre placed in Borough to disperse asylum seekers to Rwanda.

- Risk 4 - Litigation Claims – The risk of litigation claims against the Council that are handled by Insurers.
The risk owner has been changed from ‘Muir Laurie’ to ‘Stephanie Rao’ in line with structural changes.
- Risk 5 - Ability to Deliver a Balanced Budget in the Medium Term - The risk of the Council being unable to deliver a balanced budget in the medium term.
The risk owner has been changed from ‘Paul Whaymand’ to ‘Andy Evans’ in line with structural changes.
- Risk 6 - Financial Resilience of Contracts - The risk of external suppliers and providers, which the Council contracts with, failing to deliver the required level of service due to financial difficulties and/or going out of business.
The risk owner has been changed from ‘Paul Whaymand’ to ‘Andy Evans’ in line with structural changes.
- Risk 10 – Dedicated Schools Grant.
The risk owner has been changed from ‘Paul Whaymand’ to ‘Andy Evans’ in line with structural changes.
- Risk 12 – Inflation - Higher level of inflations are impacting on both the Council’s own cost base and the financial position of residents which is exacerbates demand for services.
This is a new risk, elevated from the Finance Directorate Risk Register due to the increasing level of inflation rates and associated pressures.

BACKGROUND ITEMS

Summary CRR 2022/23 Quarter 1 (attached)

Detailed CRR 2022/23 Quarter 1 (attached)

Appendix A - Risk Management Scoring Methodology (attached)