

Report to: Audit and Governance Committee



Date of Meeting 18 November 2021

Document classification: Part A Public Document

Exemption applied: None

Review date for release N/A

Risk Review Summer 2021 - Part 2

Report summary:

Risk information for the 2021/22 financial year is supplied to allow the Audit and Governance Committee to monitor the risk status of Strategic and Operational Risks. This follows the full review of risks by responsible officers during May/June 2021.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

That the Audit and Governance Committee considers the current status of risks following the full risk review undertaken in May/June 2021.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the Risk Management Policy and Guidance is being followed and all risks are being monitored and control actions implemented.

Officer: Simon Davey, Strategic Lead - Finance sdavey@eastdevon.gov.uk
Joanne Avery, Management Information Officer javery@eastdevon.gov.uk

Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergencies
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Sport
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: High Risk; Failure to identify, assess, monitor, review and manage risks could impact negatively (i.e. financial, reputational, operationally) on the council.

- **Links to background information**
- [Appendix A – Operational Risks Environment, Governance, Planning and other summer 2021](#)
- [Appendix B – Explanations and definitions](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
- Outstanding Homes and Communities
- Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
- Outstanding Council and Council Services

Report in full

1. As part of our corporate governance it is appropriate that we maintain and manage a risk register. The risk register allows us to highlight any risks to our organisation and set out how we are going to mitigate against their impact and likelihood.
2. Our risk management policy requires all risks identified by the council to be reviewed bi-annually. Through the month of May the risk owners were tasked with reviewing their risks in the SPAR system.
3. The operational risk register contains 81 risks which have all been reviewed but for this meeting only part of the register has been provided. The previous report which was submitted to the last meeting focused on the Housing and Finance Services as well as the strategic risk register. This report now looks at the remaining service areas risks which includes, Environment, Governance, Planning, HR and Communications.
4. The operational risk register for the Environment, Governance, Planning, HR and Communications services is provided for the Committee to review at [Appendix A](#). This is listed by service area and includes all of the control actions. There are 50 operational risks for these services, all of which have been reviewed and re-scored in light of all mitigating actions being undertaken and in relation to the on-going pandemic. The services were asked to highlight any new and emerging risks with no new risks being put forward at this review
5. In the operational risk registers for Environment, Governance, Planning and other services there are two risks currently scored as high.
 - **Failure of LED Leisure through budget, legal or reputational issues.** - LED income and activities have been severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated lockdowns/restrictions. LED have been reliant on furlough payments and the Council increasing its subsidy to remain viable, and the Council will be seeking to recover its costs through government support for the leisure industry. New monitoring and liaison arrangements have been put in place going forward to focus on leisure needs, and clear strategy and affordability.
 - **Ambitions for economic growth on the Council Plan are not met.** - Economy now starting to emerge from impacts of 3rd national lockdown. Positive growth prospects going forward although evidence of differential impacts in terms of place, sector and age group.

6. The tables below set out the number of risks in each service by score.

Economy & Planning	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>	1	9	5

Environment	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>	1	9	3

Governance & Licensing	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>		6	6

Human Resources	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>		1	7

Communications & Digital Services	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>		1	1

7. The detailed information for the Housing and Finance risks and the strategic risk register was submitted at the last meeting with the high level view below.

Finance	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>		4	8

Housing	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>	1	15	4

Strategic Risks	High	Medium	Low
<i>Risks by score</i>	0	8	2

There are no new risks on the strategic risk register.

1. An explanation and definitions of all the risks including the risk matrix can be found in [Appendix C](#).

Financial implications:

No direct financial implications

Legal implications:

There are no direct legal implications