

Risk Management and Business Continuity Strategy

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Governance and Risk Manager has been instructed to provide an updated report on the progress being made with the implementation of the Council's Risk Management and Business Continuity Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee note the terms of this report.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Risk Management

The Strategic and Operational Risk Registers have now been updated for financial quarter 3 and can be viewed in Pyramid. The Governance and Risk Manager has prepared a report to the SMT detailing his proposed road map to complete the recommendations in the recent KPMG audit on Risk Management.

The process proposed but not yet agreed by SMT is (a) the review and updating of the current risk management policy and strategy document taking account of the recommendations in the audit report and the ongoing development of the strategic and operational risk registers within Pyramid by end February 2010, (b) a programme of individual meetings with Directors and Heads of Service by end April 2010 and (c) a series of training seminars for third tier managers, operational staff and presentations to Members either at Area Committees or Business Days by end September 2010.

The Governance and Risk Manager will report to SMT on the progress of the programme bi monthly and to the Audit Committee as part of his usual update.

3.2 Business Continuity

Internal Audit has undertaken a review of Business Continuity which is currently with the Director of Corporate Services for approval. A copy of the action plan is attached for the Committees information. The Governance and Risk Manager has already taken forward some of the agreed actions and the report confirms what actions he intends to take regarding the others and the timescales by which he hopes to have these completed.

3.3 Training Course

A risk management training course has been arranged for 19/20 January for officers from all services. The course is led by Gallagher Basset and is accredited by the Institute of Risk Management. Hopefully it will be well attended and an invite is extended to any Member(s) of the Audit Committee who may wish to attend.

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