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**RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

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**1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report updates the Audit Committee on progress and issues related to risk management.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The report is a progress report for noting.

**3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 Previous reports to the Audit Committee highlighted remaining audit actions as noted below.

- 3.1.1
  - **The Council should explore alternatives to Pyramid as a means of managing the risk registers – 30 September 2011**

- 3.1.2 A number of systems were reviewed, however, these were rejected on the basis of limited improved functionality. Initial purchase price and on-going recurring maintenance costs were also considered prohibitive.

- 3.1.3 The Council will continue to utilise pyramid for recording and reporting risk. Discussions have taken place with Pyramid Support staff as to specific requirements and functionality has been developed to accommodate requirements. ORR's and SRR's together with scoring and any mitigating plans or actions are all now recorded within Pyramid. Risk owners can access registers on a live basis and record /note any change or comment as required. ORR's and SRR's also feed into performance scorecards

- 3.2
  - **Consideration should be given to using risk assurance statements as a means of enhancing accountability - 31 March 12**

- 3.2.1 Risk assurance statements will form part of the year end process. Risk assurance statements will be issued to Heads of Service 31-March with a request to complete and return by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

- 3.3 The ORR's have been reviewed and revised. ORR's are available for update and viewing within pyramid together with associated scoring and mitigating plans / actions. The first set of quarterly reports based on the revised ORR's were prepared period ending 30 September. Heads of Service have been requested to further consider status level and confirm scoring is appropriate to level of risk. A draft SRR has been submitted to SMT for discussion and is currently undergoing further revision. The revised SRR will be formally reported period ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

3.4 ORR's and SRR's will be considered as part of the planning and budgeting exercise to ensure the current risks facing the Council are given appropriate consideration.

3.5 The risk management calendar for October to December includes:

- October – Preparation of ORR quarterly report.  
(Complete)
- November – HOS to review current risk status and confirm scoring  
(Complete)
- November/December – Complete revisions to revised draft SRR.  
(On-going)

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

4.1 This report advises that the key audit recommendations in relation to risk management have been completed or are in progress. The ORRs have been revised and updated and will be used as part of the coming planning and budgeting exercise. A draft SRR has been prepared and is currently being revised and is scheduled to be reported on as at December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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