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0 Corporate Risk Register

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Corporate Risk Register

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TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

DATE OF LAST REVIEW - JULY 2024

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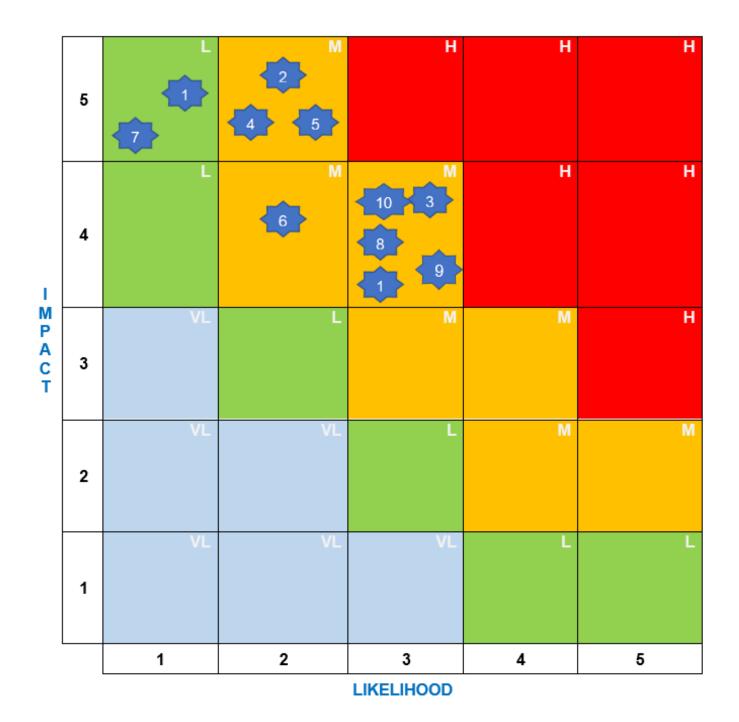
Likelihood of Risk Occurring

Likelihood	Definition
Very Low	May occur in exceptional circumstances
Low	Risk may occur in next 3 years
Medium	The risk is likely to occur more than once in the next 3 years
High	The risk is likely to occur this year
Very High	The risk has occurred and will continue to do so without further action being taken

Impact of Risk if it does Occur

Descriptor	Financial	Reputation	Physical	Environmental	Service
Very Low	None	None	None	None	None
Low	<£250K	Minimal/ minimal media/ social media	Minor	Minor locally, e.g. clearing intrusion on land	Internal disruption only, no loss of service
Medium	£250K to £1m	Extensive local media/social media	Threats of serious injury requiring medical treatment	Moderate Locally, e.g.air quality issue in part of the borough	Disruption/ loss of service less than 48 hours
High	£1m to £5m	National media/social media	Extensive/ multiple injuries	Major local impact, e.g. air quality issue affecting whole borough	Disruption/ loss of service less than 7 days
Very High	>£5m	Extensive national media (lead item)/social media	Extensive multiple injuries/ death	Major national/international, e.g. air quality issue affecting UK as a whole	Severe disruption/ loss of service more than 7 days.

Risk Heat Map



Date of Last Review July 2024

Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R1 Page 7	Failure to discharge duty of care for a vulnerable child or vulnerable adult.	Very High without controls	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Finance ast review =	 a) Safeguarding Partnership (Adults & Children) Community Safety Partnership and Youth Offending Service Management Board scrutinise performance, hold partners to account and drive practice improvement in the light of learning (e.g. Serious Case, Safeguarding Adult & Domestic Homicide Reviews). b) Safeguarding Partnership works to develop systematic working across children and adult landscape. c) The Council will increase investment into Adult Social Care services by £5.9m in 2024/25. The Council's net budget for Adult Social Care will be over £68m in 2024/25. d) The Council's will increase investment into Children's Safeguarding by £7.6m in 2024/25. This makes the net budget for Children's Safeguarding to be nearly £49m in 2024/25. 	D Sidaway J Britton S Froud	Very Low with controls	Very High with controls – Physical Reputation Finance Change since last review =

	 e) The combined total net budget allocation for these services will be in excess of £117m. f) A general budget contingency of £3.95m, with an additional £2.8m held for inflationary pressures will be available in 2024/25. These can be used to support pressures in any Council budget including Adult Social Care and Children's Safeguarding which account for two thirds of the Council's net budget.
	Children:
Page 8	g) Safeguarding arrangements are routinely reviewed and developed in response to new statutory requirements as they are introduced
φο	h) Workforce development strategy – recruitment and retention, learning and development including Systemic Practice across the Council's children's workforce.
	i) Children's Services - systematic quality assurance role for all managers from frontline Team Manager through to CEX and DCS
	j) No staff savings target for Children's Social Workers
	k) A comprehensive package of market factors and recruitment

and retention incentives have been implemented to aid the recruitment and retention of social workers I) Work to national inspection standards and respond to actions required from inspections.
m) OFSTED inspection of Children's Safeguarding January 2020 achieved "Outstanding"". An action plan has been delivered to respond to the small number of recommendations.
n) Independent Review of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) commissioned by the Council has been concluded. Recommendations from the review are in the process of being implemented.
o) 'Essential learning' for all employees includes both child protection and CSE.
Adults: p) Adult safeguarding part of Safeguarding Partnership in compliance with Care Act requirements and new Adult Safeguarding Guidance & Regulations.
q) Adult Services - systematic quality assurance role for all

managers from frontline team manager through to DAS	
 r) Quality Surveillance Group chaired by Chief Officer of NHS England Area Team ensures co- ordination of quality & safeguarding issues across health & social care system. s) 'Essential learning' for all employees includes adult safeguarding. 	

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9ge 10	 Inability to: a) Match available resources (both financial, people and assets) with statutory obligations, agreed priorities and service standards b) deliver financial strategy including capital receipts, savings and commercial income c) fund organisational and cultural development in the 	Very High without controls Change since last review	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Service Change since last review	 a) Robust commercial approach taken by Council services in terms of increasing income generation b) Rigorous medium term financial planning and regular monitoring and active management through S&FPG, SMT, Business Briefing and Cabinet. c) Efficiency Strategy in place which allows the Council to qualify for the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts which enables the funding of revenue costs of reform and service transformation initiatives which deliver efficiencies d) 'Savings programme, service reviews and restructuring. 	D Sidaway M Brockway	Low with controls Change since last review	Very High with controls – Physical Reputation Service Change isince last review

	Council within the		0)	Staffing, economic and		
	constraints of the		e)	environmental impact		
	public sector			assessments of all savings		
	economy			proposals and appropriate consultation mechanisms in		
			L)	place.		
			f)	In-year savings exercises		
			、	possible if necessary		
			g)	Rationalisation of Council		
				assets and accommodation		
			h)	Prudent level of uncommitted		
				one-off resources and in-year		
				budget contingency of £3.95m		
			i)	Delivery of capital		
				receipts/rigorous monitoring of		
				capital receipts realisation and		
				impact on the budget		
			j)	If necessary contingency plans		
ס				reviewing phasing of planned		
æ				capital expenditure, schemes		
Je				included in capital programme,		
Page 11				alternative potential disposals		
4				and further revenue budget cuts		
				would be identified for		
				consultation		
			k)	Regular review of reserves and		
				balances against risk exposure		
				with significant level (£21.7m) of		
				uncommitted balances		
				available, held within the Budget		
				Strategy Reserve to support the		
				Council's Medium Term		
				Financial Strategy		
			I)	Track record of sound financial		
			,	management having out-turned		
				within budget for 16 consecutive		
				years despite significant		
				financial challenges arising from		
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	T	public contor quetarity, the		
		public sector austerity, the		
		COVID pandemic and the		
		current cost-of-living		
		emergency.		
	m)	Safeguarding Children Cost		
		Improvement Plan in place		
		which is monitored by senior		
		officers and members.		
	n)	Adult Social Care Cost		
		Improvement Plan in place		
		which is monitored by senior		
		officers and members.		
	o)	Commercial project(s) for		
		additional income generation as		
		well as wider economic, social		
		and regeneration purposes		
	p)	Housing Investment Programme		
Ţ	(p	Robust assessment of potential		
90 D		new investments through a		
Page 12		proper due diligence and		
4		business case process to		
P		ensure that the Council is not		
		exposed to an unacceptable		
		level of risk either on an		
		individual basis or when		
		considering the entire		
		investment portfolio		
	r)	Specialist legal and taxation		
		advice taken as required		
	s)	Active Treasury Management in		
		conjunction with regular advice		
		and updates from specialist		
		Treasury Management Advisors		
	t)	Cabinet Members regularly		
		briefed		
	u)	All necessary strategies,		
	1	policies and procedures in place		
	<u> </u>	to fully comply with CIPFA and		

		MoHCLG codes and regulations		
		with regular review		
	V)	Established approval process		
	- /	for agreement of business		
		cases for new investment from		
		the Council's Growth Fund and		
		Invest to Save/Capacity Fund.		
	(w)	All reports to SMT and Cabinet		
		include a financial comment		
		prepared by, or on behalf of the		
		Council's 151 officer, that		
		identifies the financial		
		implications arising from the		
		recommendations to avoid		
		significant additional ongoing		
		commitments being committed		
		without appropriate		
		consideration.		
L	x)	Completion of Equality Impact		
	×)			
Ъ.		Assessments.		
Φ	y)	Undertake regular		
		benchmarking of services		
ώ		including with peer groups and		
		via the LGA		

Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R3	Losing skills, knowledge and experience (retention & recruitment) in relation to staffing.	Very High without controls Change since last review	High without controls – Financial Reputation Service	 a) Workforce Development Strategy in place with focus on delivering ambition of the Council being employer of choice. Strategy will focus on: 'Our workforce will have the skills and abilities to deliver 	D Sidaway M Brockway A Lowe	Medium with controls	High with controls – Service Reputation Finance

Page 14	Change since last review	 our priorities and will have the opportunity to further develop Our managers will be leaders and will empower staff to deliver our priorities 'Our organisation will be more diverse and inclusive offering a voice and fair treatment for all' 'Our workplace will be healthy and we will support our employees' wellbeing' Our employment package will be attractive and will offer fair terms and conditions We will effectively recruit and retain suitably qualified staff across all areas of the council
		b) Senior Management, SDM and
		team leader development programmes.
		c) Each service area has a
		 workforce plan considering skills gap analysis and
		needs
		apprenticeships d) Specific HR policies:
		use of market factor
		 weighting for key groups flexible working policy
		staff benefit schemes
		e) "Grow your own" scheme for
		roles that are hard to recruit to.

	f) Review of induction
	programme and ongoing
	training and development
	completed
	g) The development of the
	Council's employment "offer" is
	ongoing
	h) Council values, ethos, rewards and recognition
	i) Annual Personal Performance
	and Development discussions
	for all staff along with regular
	one to one meetings involving
	employees and their line
	managers.
	j) Staff awards ceremony to
	celebrate and encourage
	outstanding performance.
Page 15	k) Review of the use of
B	apprentices
Φ	I) EDI Strategy in place
	m) Inclusive Recruitment
Ψ	Champions in place to support
	managers to maintain a diverse
	workforce and ensuring the
	Council advertises vacant
	posts to reach all parts of the
	community while maximising
	the number of applicants.
	n) Employee survey undertaken
	in November/December 2024.
	o) Collaboration with West
	Midlands Employers and CIPD
	during 2024 to upskill
	managers and increase
	competence and confidence in
	applying strategic workforce

	planning principles successfully and consistently p) Working with partners around recruitment and role availability.	
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	Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
Land In		Significant business interruption affecting ability to provide priority services, e.g. critical damage to Council buildings, new pandemic, loss of power or infrastructure etc.	Very High without controls	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Service Change since last review =	 a) Each Service Delivery Team has Business Continuity Plans to enable them to respond appropriately (people, systems etc.), these are reviewed annually and updated following team changes and or incidents. b) Corporate Business Continuity Policy is to be reviewed in 2025. The Service Delivery BC Template will then be refreshed and updated c) Continuity plans for loss of key buildings tested in live environment during the pandemic. Different scenario testing requires completion by individual teams. d) Serious Incident Protocol has been adopted but requires review. e) Continue to invest in ICT capital programme. Data centre investment complete. f) Improvement/upgrade/replacement of key IDT systems IDT controls – Disaster Recovery facilities in place based on Priority Services in 	Executive Directors	Medium with controls	Very High with controls – Service Reputation Change since last review

Dy		 line with Business Continuity Plans. g) Roll out of "office 365" and the cloud computing. h) Investment in cyber security and awareness programme and training (see risk 7 also). i) Implementation of a 3rd generation firewall. j) Strong and effective support provided by corporate IDT team to support the implementation of new service specific and corporate systems and upgrades to these systems which also ensures effective system testing arrangements. k) Sound operational management of Council buildings 	
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Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R5	Inability to manage the health & safety risks in delivering the council's functions (including building security and cyber security).	Very High without controls Change since last review	Very High without controls – Physical Reputation Financial Change since =	 a) Reviewing, writing and monitoring of health and safety policies, incidents and audit findings through and the Health and Safety Committee who meet 3 times a year. b) Risk based health and safety audit process of Telford & Wrekin buildings and local authority managed schools, 	Jo Britton / Director of Public Health	Low with controls Change since last review	Very High with controls – Physical Reputation Finance

To Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidance and revise Policies and Procedures to ensure compliance with legal standards. Revisions reported back through the H&S Committee. e) A Health & Safety Competency Framework has been implemented. It details the necessary training and competency of the key roles of the Health & Safety Policy. f) There is a corporate lone worker risk assessment in place. Each service should also consider lone working within their team risk assessments. Lone member risk assessments are undertaken and appropriate processes are in place. There is a council wide lone worker		 (HSE) guidance and revise Policies and Procedures to ensure compliance with legal standards. Revisions reported back through the H&S Committee. e) A Health & Safety Competency Framework has been implemented. It details the necessary training and competency of the key roles of the Health & Safety Policy. f) There is a corporate lone worker risk assessment in place. Each service should also consider lone working within their team risk assessments. Lone member risk assessments are undertaken and appropriate processes are in place. There is a council wide lone worker 	last review
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		>	Outrans in place for non-orthogram.		
		g)	System in place for reporting all		
			accidents, incidents and near		
			misses. Non reportable		
			accidents are investigated by		
			each service area.		
		h)	All reportable accidents are		
			additionally investigated by		
			Internal Health and Safety Team		
			and significant findings reported		
			to Health and Safety		
			Committee. All findings are		
			reported back to relevant		
			service area management		
		i)	Training to ensure health and		
		.,	safety compliance is provided		
			on Health and Safety through a		
			mixture of e-learning and face to		
			face.		
-		i)	Essential learning training for all		
υ Ο		1/	employees includes health and		
Ð			safety and fire safety		
Page 19			awareness.		
1		k)	Consultation and		
Ψ		r)	communication with Trade		
			Unions occurs through the H&S		
			Committee.		
		n	Personal Safety Precautions		
		I)	-		
			Risk Register available to		
			employees.		
		m)	Appointed Cyber Security		
			Manager to review and improve		
			cyber security where required.		
		n)	Cyber security part of essential		
			learning for all employees.		
		o)	Corporate review of list of 1 st		
			aiders to ensure adequate		
			resource in place		

	 p) Corporate review of list of fire marshals to ensure adequate resource in place q) Enhanced risk assessments for specific individual/services r) Updated personal safety training s) Increased security at main Council buildings and at meetings t) Review of lockdown procedures at key Council buildings and security plans for major events. u) Building security kept under review.
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OR6	Inability to deliver effective information governance.	Very High without controls	Very High without controls – Financial Reputation	 a) The Council has an Information Governance Framework which includes the Corporate Information Security Policy (CISP) and other policies (Data protection, Information Sharing policies) b) Small dedicated team promoting sound Information Governance within the Council and ensuring that good practice is shared across the Council c) Training and awareness programme put in place and Information Governance modules form part of induction 	D Sidaway	Low with controls Change since last review	High with controls – Reputation Finance

				
		and essential learning		
		programmes.		
	d)	Data Protection Officer reports		
		regularly to SMT on IG related		
		matters		
	e)	Data Protection Officer attends		
		a number of management team		
		meetings.		
	f)	General Data Protection		
		Regulations 2018 implemented.		
	g)	SMT oversight of reported data		
		breaches		
	h)	All data breaches recorded,		
		investigated and lessons learnt		
		identified		
	i)	Detailed report is sent to		
		relevant Director in respect to		
		breaches occurring in their		
Ð		service area		
Page 21	j)	Directors email all employees		
d		that have contributed to a data		
Ń		breach or incident highlighting		
		the potential consequences.		
	k)	Information Governance related		
		posters in all main Council		
		buildings		
	I)	Staff complete randomly		
		generated questions on data		
		protection/information security		
		every quarter		
	m)	Regular bulletins on information		
		governance related matters		
		published in staff newsletter		
	n)	Completion of annual Data		
		Security and Protection (DSP)		
		toolkit.		
	o)	Annual Governance Statement		
		process encompasses key		
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	information governance related matters p) Key elements of information governance and IDT security are audited by an external company.	
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Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R7 Page 22	Inability to respond adequately to a significant emergency affecting the community and/or ability to provide priority services.	High without controls	Very High without controls – Environment Financial Service Change since last review	 a) Work collaboratively with other Local Resilience Forum partner agencies, maintaining effective working relationships with the relevant bodies b) Council Emergency Plan reviewed and renewed in 2024. c) Human resource challenges to maintain appropriate levels of trained staff to be able to respond to an emergency, for example, to set up rest centres are monitored. For example, recruitment for volunteer rest centre staff to be undertaken in the Winter 2024. d) Strategic, tactical and recovery training provided for SMT and relevant SDM's. Further training identified for those that have not received any. e) Service level agreement in place with Shropshire County 	Exec Directors / Director of Public Health	Medium with controls	Very High with controls – Service Reputation Finance Environment Change since last review

	 Council to share resource of a Resilience Manager. f) Maintaining appropriate, risk based contingency plans (Civil Resilience Manager) which are reviewed on regular basis g) Operation 'Tangent' – multi agency plan to respond to landslide in the Gorge is in place. It was reviewed and exercised in October 2024. b) Individual Service Delivery
Page 23	 h) Individual Service Delivery Managers are responsible for maintaining and exercising their Business Continuity Plan. These plans would be coordinated corporately and the emergency plan activated if necessary. i) Provider contract monitoring in place. j) Public health mechanisms in place to manage response to significant incidents. However prolonged incidents will result in a significant human resource challenge k) Corporate budget contingency of £3.95m available to cover unforeseen costs arising up to Bellwin threshold where relevant. i) On-call arrangements in place, including for SMT

Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R8 Page 24	Inability to respond to impact of climate emergency on severe weather events including heat, cold and flood.	High without controls	Very High without controls – Environment Reputation Financial Change since last review	 a) Investment in highways capital programme. b) Corporate capital budget specifically for projects that support the Council to address/mitigate the impact of climate change are included within capital programme. c) Monitor ground stability in the Gorge and water levels. d) Use and testing of flood barriers in Ironbridge e) Adoption of Climate Emergency Becoming Carbon Neutral action plan which includes a commitment to ensuring that its operation and activities are carbon neutral by 2030. f) Delivering a wide range of schemes to reduce carbon emissions. g) Driving partnership engagement and action on climate change through the Telford and Wrekin Borough Climate Change Partnership h) Addressing biodiversity through actions plans. i) Climate Emergency is at the forefront of the Council's priorities. In addition, there is a new Council priority defined – 	A Astley	Medium with controls	High with controls – Environment Reputation Finance Change since last review

	'Our natural environment is protected – we are taking a leading role in addressing the climate emergencyj) Strong relationships with key partners including the Environment Agency.k) Work of the Environment Scrutiny Committeel) Development and adoption of the Climate Change Adaption Plan	
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Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
в9 25	Projects not delivered effectively - Increasing number of projects and resource challenges to deliver those projects leads to project failure and inability to continue to deliver existing council services effectively and efficiently.	Very High without controls Change since last review	Very High without controls – Financial Service Reputation Change since last review	 a) Major Projects Board in place b) Capital monitoring undertaken by all services/Directors c) Monitor business plans d) Workforce planning 	All of SMT	Medium with controls Change since last review	High with controls – Financial Service Reputation

Ref	Risk	Likelihood Without Controls	Impact Without Controls	What are we doing to manage the risk? (Controls)	Lead Executive Director / Director	Likelihood With Controls	Impact With Controls
R10	Failure to deliver partnership priorities.	Very High without controls	Very High without controls – Financial Service Reputation Change since last review	 a) Vision 2032 detailing partnership priorities and shared delivery of actions b) Engagement with those with lived experience in developing strategies c) Partnership agreements in place detailing clear partnership priorities 	All of SMT	Medium with controls	High with controls – Financial Service Reputation

Risks Removed for Register

Ref	Risk	Reason for Removal	Date of Removal
R9	Inability to respond to the impact and implications of Brexit.	This risk is no longer applicable.	27/1/2022

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2022.2	27/1/22	R Montgomery	SMT	Update of register in respect to additions/changes to mitigating actions and deletion of risk R9
2022.2.1	23/12/22	R Montgomery	SMT	Update in relation to mitigating actions against each risk.
2023.2.2	10/1/24	R Montgomery	SMT	Includes updates provided by SMT
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