

REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER



For Information

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To review the Cleveland Fire Authority's Corporate Risk Register as attached at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members note Cleveland Fire Authority's Corporate Risk Register, as attached at Appendix 1.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Cleveland Fire Authority has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness, thereby implementing the principles and responsibilities of effective corporate governance arrangements.
- 3.2 In discharging these responsibilities, the Authority is responsible for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control including robust arrangements for the identification, assessment and management of risk.
- 3.3 The system of internal control is designed to manage risk efficiently, effectively and economically to an acceptable and reasonable level and thus contribute in the achievement of the Authorities vision. The risk management process is designed to identify, assess and evaluate the risks and allow actions to be implemented that will reduce the likelihood of the risk occurring or if the risk does occur to minimise its impact.

- 3.4 The Authority has approved a risk management framework consisting of a policy, a detailed procedure, a risk management toolkit, a suite of risk registers and a detailed Community Risk Profile underpinned by a suite of risk assessments. This framework was approved by Members in 2018 and then communicated to all managers and staff.
- 3.5 The Corporate Risk Register (CRR) is the tool used to identify the strategic threats and risks to the achievement of the Authority's vision. It evaluates the risk and summarises the control measures identified to reduce these risks. The CRR therefore informs the strategic and financial planning processes of the Brigade.
- 3.6 The Authority's current Corporate Risk Register is maintained dynamically, however on a regular basis there is a full review of the register which further strengthens the Authority's governance arrangements.

4 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

- 4.1 The approved Corporate Risk Register is regularly reviewed to ensure it reflects the current situation regarding existing and potential risks the Brigade could face.
- 4.2 In July 2021 a review of the Corporate Risk Register was undertaken by the Active Risk Team, a forum that is made up of the Brigade's Heads of Service followed by a review of the Corporate Risk Register and the wider environment by the Executive Leadership Team. As part of this review information from the Cleveland Local Resilience Forum and the newly published National Risk Assessment has been taken into consideration.
- 4.3 The outcome of the review has resulted in a number of changes to the Corporate Risk Register.
- 4.4 In summary the changes to the Corporate Risk Register are;

- **New and Emerging Risks:**

Fire Standards

The introduction of the National Fire Standards may create un-resourced requirements on the Brigade which may impact the ability of the Brigade to fully implement the Standards.

- **Changes to existing Risks:**

O02: Organisational Learning and COVID-19 (Opportunity)

Findings from our self-assessed COVID-19 and the NFCC key learning studies and the HMICFRS COVID-19 Inspection Report will improve the resilience, effectiveness and efficiency of the Fire Authority's response to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis and provide a springboard for lasting reform and modernisation.

Reduce Risk from High Risk (9) to Medium Risk (6)

- **Risks to be Deleted from CRR**

None

- **Risk Mitigating Actions:**

Additional actions to mitigate the likelihood and / or impact of the identified risks have been identified and incorporated into the body of the Corporate Risk Register.

4.5 These changes have been incorporated into the body of the Corporate Risk Register attached as Appendix 1.

4.6 The Director of Corporate Services will ensure that the Corporate Risk Register is monitored through the approved risk management arrangements. Specifically this involves submitting it for information to the Audit and Governance Committee on a regular basis and that the Committee will report to the Authority any matters it deems to be of a significant nature.

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