

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.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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 vision of the Authority. 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, procedure, toolkit, risk registers and a detailed Community Risk Profile underpinned by a suite of community risk assessments. The risk management framework takes cognisance of the National Risk Assessment and the Cleveland Local Resilience Community Risk Register.
- 3.5 The Corporate Risk Register (CRR) identifies 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. It 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 June 2025 a review of the Corporate Risk Register was undertaken by the Executive Leadership Team. As part of this process, information from the Cleveland Local Resilience Forum and the National Risk Assessment has been taken into consideration.
- 4.3 The outcome of the review has resulted in updates to the Corporate Risk Register.
- 4.4 In summary the changes to the Corporate Risk Register are;

Decreased Risk: Implementation of Pension Remedies

- A decreased risk score in relation to implementation of pension remedies reflects extended project deadlines and the Brigade's internal progress in implementation. The score change results in the risk decreasing from 20 (Very High) to 8 (Medium). The risk is deemed to be cooling down compared to the original assessment.

Increased Risk: Cleveland Fire Brigade Risk Management Service CIC

- An increased risk score in relation to the impact of the operations of the CIC on the reputation and finances of the Brigade reflects new information in the public domain relating to the financial position of the CIC. The score change results in the risk increasing from 16 (High) to 20 (Very High). The risk is deemed to be warming up compared to the original assessment.
- 4.5 The Assistant Chief Fire Officer Strategic Planning and Resources will ensure that the Corporate Risk Register is monitored through the approved risk management arrangements. Specifically, this involves submitting the CRR 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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