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. 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 Authorities vision. The risk management process is designed to identify, assess and evaluate the risks and allow actions to be implemented that will minimise 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 April 2019 a full review of the Corporate Risk Register was undertaken by the Corporate Sounding Board, a forum that is made up of the Executive Leadership Team and all middle managers in the Brigade.

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: None
- Changes to existing Risks:
  - Risk 2019/20 CR-E03 Pension Fund Shortfall: Integrated into Risk E02 Financial Pressures
- Risks to be Deleted from CRR:
  - 2019/20 CR-T02 : Cyber Security – Transferred to Directorate Risk Register:
  - 2019/20 CR-L02: General Data Protection Regulations- Transferred to Directorate Risk Register
- Risk Mitigating Actions:

  A number of new actions to mitigate the likelihood and / or impact of the identified risks have been identified. These are aligned to the corporate and annual priorities for 2019/20 as detailed within the Service Plan 2019/20.

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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