

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

16 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

CORPORATE RISK ASSESSMENT 2017-18 – COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE RISKS

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The Audit Committee oversees risk management within the Council. The purpose of this report is to enable the Audit Committee to take an in-depth review of the risks contained within the corporate risk register pertaining to the Communities directorate.

2. Connection to Corporate Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 Effective risk management is an essential part of the framework for ensuring good corporate governance and supports delivery of the Council's Corporate Improvement Priorities.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Audit Committee on 28 September 2017, the committee agreed to invite the relevant risk owners from the council's senior management team to future meetings in order to provide a more in-depth explanation of the risks included within the register, including the mitigation measures in place.
- 3.2 The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference require the Committee to review, scrutinise and issue reports and recommendations on the appropriateness of the Authority's risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements.
- 3.3 The 2017-18 Corporate Risk Assessment was approved by Council on 1 March 2017 and is fully aligned with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and Corporate Plan.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The first area of the council's services to be reviewed by the committee is the Communities Directorate. The relevant extract from the Corporate Risk Assessment is attached as **Appendix 1**. It identifies the main risks facing the Directorate, the likely impact of these on services and the wider County Borough and what is being done to manage the risks.
- 4.2 The relevant members of the Communities Directorate senior leadership team will present the risks and mitigations to the committee during the meeting.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 None as a direct consequence of this report.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 Equality issues permeate many of the risks identified and where appropriate equality impact assessments are undertaken within the process of approving the mitigating actions.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications directly associated with the risk assessment. Actions planned to mitigate each risk are required to be progressed within approved budgets.

8. Recommendation.

8.1 That Members review the risks contained within Appendix 1 and receive the presentation given by the Communities Directorate Senior Leadership Team.

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Background documents

None