

IDENTIFIED RISK						ACTION PLAN						Corporate Priority		
No.	There is a risk that..	Consequences of Risk	Raw risk score			Control Method	How are we addressing this risk	Key actions to be established - NB business as usual activity not reflected here	who	by when	Residual risk score			
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1	The council is unable to make robust medium to long term decisions requiring service change	If difficult decisions about cutting or reducing service levels against a background of declining budgets are not made, then the council will not deliver the changes necessary to achieve a balanced budget which will result in it being in breach of its legal responsibilities.	4	5	20	Treat	The council manages this risk through existing budget and business planning processes which include early identification of savings targets and development of options for cabinet, challenge from BREP, scrutiny and formal and informal briefings of members and political groupings.	Develop proposals for a stronger focus on future and multiple year financial planning including scrutiny and outline budget decisions by elected members for multiple years.	CMB	Aug-2019	3	5	15	Smarter use of resources
2	The council is unable to deliver transformation including agreed financial savings	If the council is unable to change the way that staff work, including new roles, collaborations and the acquisition of new skills, it will be unsuccessful in delivering service transformation which will lead to it not meeting its commitments within available budgets.	4	4	16	Treat	The council has a number of transformations in place that either directly support specific proposals for service improvement and /or financial savings. Further transformations have been identified that are intended to support a "One council culture" and support staff and managers through transformation.	Review and rationalisation of management activity.	CMB	Aug-2019	3	3	9	All corporate priorities
								Establishment of a combined Chief Executives directorate in order to better align support services required to enable or support transformation.						
								Develop training and manager support materials.						
								Coordinated promotion of staff wellbeing.						
3	The council is unable to respond to legislative change	If reducing budgets and a reducing workforce decreases the council's ability to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and to adapt successfully to an ever changing legislative landscape there is a risk that the council will be in breach of its legal responsibilities and may receive adverse regulatory reports, adverse publicity, fines and ultimately the threat of prosecution.	5	4	20	Treat or Transfer	The council manages this risk in a number of ways that are contingent on the particular service area affected. This might include reducing service quality or reprioritising a response to a legislative change over other activity or transferring risk - for example by transferring responsibility to another provider.	No further actions to be commissioned at this stage.	CMB	Aug-2019	3	4	12	All corporate priorities

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4	The council is unable to identify and deliver infrastructure required in the medium to longer term	If the Council does not raise sufficient capital to maintain its infrastructure, including roads, street lights, buildings and technology then it may deteriorate bringing financial and safety risks which could lead to adverse incidents, reports, publicity, fines and ultimately prosecution.	4	5	20	Treat	The council has a ten year capital programme. The development of this programme and arrangements for its review and updating are well established. However the council has identified scope to improve upon this to ensure that these needs are balanced with other demands for capital (such as new schools).	Develop a revised capital strategy that gives appropriate weight to key infrastructure requirements.	CMB	Aug-2019	3	5	15	Supporting a successful economy and smarter use of resources
5	The council is unable to meaningfully engage with Health Board and potential LGR boundary changes to ensure that the needs of the Bridgend community is fairly recognised in any subsequent changes	If the Council is unable to successfully influence or respond to Health Board and any potential LGR boundary changes there is a risk that appropriate care to citizens through new service models and relationships will not be delivered resulting in citizens receiving a less satisfactory service or even no service at all.	4	4	16	Treat	The council has the ability to influence the transition programme through the membership of the Leader and Director of Social Services and Wellbeing on the Transition Board. Furthermore the Director is leading the partnership work stream within the overall transition programme. Effective and good relationships have been established at political and senior managerial levels with Cwm Taf University Health Board.	Secure commitment from Cwm Taf University Health Board partners for a review of partnership governance arrangements and through this seek to ensure that Bridgend CBC is appropriately represented and that our emphasis on strong integration of services is retained beyond transition.	CMB	Aug-2019	2	4	8	Helping people be more self reliant and smarter use of resources
6	The council fails to safeguard vulnerable individuals e.g. children, adults in need of social care, homeless etc.	If budgets and the workforce continue to decline there is a risk that the Council will be unable to provide the necessary services to vulnerable people resulting in the possibility that vulnerable people will not be kept safe and be encouraged to greater safe self-reliance.	3	5	15	Treat	The council has well established mechanisms to ensure compliance with statutory responsibilities. This includes its own operational safeguarding board and active management of demand and caseloads. All meetings of CMB and of Cabinet/CMB have a standing item to consider safeguarding matters and allow for appropriate management actions to be taken quickly.	The review by internal audit has identified gaps in completion of mandatory training through e learning. These gaps will be addressed across all directorates. The internal audit review and the inspection of Youth Offending has identified the need to ensure that all links between Youth Offending services and other early help or social care services are effective and effectively documented. A specific programme of improvement is being prepared for sign off by CMB in January 2019.	CMB	Aug-2019	2	5	10	Helping people be more self reliant and smarter use of resources
	The council is unable to	If the council does not have the					The council has anti virus installed	Cyber resilience training.						

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7	plan for and recover from major threats to service continuity such as civil emergencies, school failure, cyber attack and discontinuation of funding streams and major contracts	capacity and expertise to plan for and protect itself against major threats such as cyber-attack, civil emergencies and significant financial variations there is a risk that there may be a failure to deliver services and a balanced financial position which could harm citizens who rely on council services.	4	4	16	Treat	which is regularly updated. All critical data is backed up and located offsite. Software update processes exist that includes the installation of patches. Security awareness training is provided to all employees. The council has established emergency planning arrangements including a Major Incident Plan and contributes to the SWLRF and SWRT.	The Council responds appropriately to WLGA/WG/UK Government Brexit consultations and seeks to influence the development of any future regional investment programme, via informed discussions with WG/Wales Office.	CMB	Aug-2019	4	4	16	All corporate priorities
8	The council is unable to attract or retain a workforce with the necessary skills to meet the demands placed upon the authority and its services	If there is a continual decreasing number of suitably skilled and experienced staff then there may not be the expertise required to deliver services and protect the interests of the council. This could lead to the wellbeing of citizens suffering and a loss of moral amongst the remaining staff if they feel unsupported and are seeking to work elsewhere.	4	4	16	Treat	The council has workforce planning in place (through directorate level service planning) and is prioritising finite training budget to ensure that key skills and qualifications are targeted. In addition the council is using apprenticeships to actively bring in or develop key skills (such as Welsh language skills or ICT capability). In specific service areas the council is actively seeking opportunities to collaborate where this will enhance capacity or resilience.	The council will continue to monitor the profile of the workforce and identify challenges through the business planning process. Appropriate action plans will be developed. The staff survey has been completed and key actions identified. The council will prioritise role specific training to enable staff to do what is expected of them, it will promote good practice examples of staff development and maximise access to funded learning and development programmes. eg WG and TUC.	CMB	Aug-2019	3	4	12	All corporate priorities
9	Important council services are compromised due to the failure of a key supplier	If the external suppliers of council services are not resilient there is a risk that they may fail to deliver those services leading to disruption for citizens and the council, which will be impacted as it seeks to restore provision and suffers a loss of reputation.	3	4	12	Treat or Transfer	The council's strongest defence against this is through its procurement strategy and procurement processes. When tendering for services the council requires contingency arrangements to be in place to allow for the eventuality of supplier failure (for example in the case of refuse and recycling collection contracts). The council also seeks to shape the market where possible to avoid over reliance on single suppliers (for example in social care).	Social Services have quarterly forum meetings with providers where risks, issues and pressures are identified. There are regular contract monitoring visits to monitor performance and quality. Directorates to monitor the financial performance and stability of contractors.	CMB	Aug-2019	2	4	8	Helping people be more self reliant and smarter use of resources