

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER – FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE

CORPORATE RISK ASSESSMENT 2021-22

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to provide the Governance and Audit Committee with an update on the changes to the Corporate Risk Assessment, in accordance with the Council's risk management timeline contained in the Council's Risk Management Policy.

2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1. This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**:
 - **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

3. Background

- 3.1. Good governance requires the Council to develop effective risk management processes, including an assessment of corporate risks.
- 3.2. The Governance and Audit Committee's Terms of Reference require the Committee to review, scrutinise and issue reports and recommendations on the appropriateness of the Council's risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements.
- 3.3. The Corporate Risk Assessment is considered and reviewed by the Corporate Management Board (CMB), Senior Management Team, and Governance and Audit Committee as part of the Council's quarterly Corporate Performance Assessment framework and is used to inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programme and the budget process.
- 3.4. The 2021-22 Corporate Risk Assessment is aligned with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Corporate Plan.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1. The Corporate Risk Assessment attached at **Appendix 1** has been reviewed in consultation with CMB, and Cabinet and Corporate Management Board (CCMB). It identifies the main risks facing the Council, their link to the corporate well-being

objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the likely impact of these risks on Council services and the wider County Borough, identifies what is being done to manage the risks and who is responsible for the Council's response.

- 4.2. The Corporate Risk Assessment has been/will be amended as per Table 1:

Table 1 – Amendments to Corporate Risk Assessment

Risk	Action
Risk 1	- Narrative has been revised to reflect current position
Risk 2	- Narrative has been revised, and the residual score revised upwards
Risk 3	- This risk should be de-escalated to Directorate Risk Register
Risk 4	- Additional narrative has been added regarding the inability to deliver the Capital Programme on time
Risk 5	- This risk should be de-escalated to the Directorate Register
Risk 6	- The narrative has been revised to include comments regarding Homelessness, Adult Social Care and post Covid pressures
Risk 7	- The risk has been updated to reflect the current position
Risk 8	- The narrative has been updated to reflect the current position
Risk 9	- The risk that important council services are compromised due to the failure of a key supplier is to merge with Risk 7
Risk 10	- To remain on the register and be reviewed at a future meeting
Risk 11	- Has been updated to reflect the recovery position
Risk 12	- No Changes required
Risk 13	- Narrative has been amended to reflect the current position
Risk 14	- This risk should be de-escalated to the Directorate Risk Register
Risk 15	- The risk that schools are not able to maintain educational standards has been merged with Risk 14
Risk 16	- Narrative has been updated to clarify the mitigating actions

- 4.3. The de-escalated risks will be removed from the Corporate Risk Assessment going forward. It is noted that an archived risk may be brought back to the Corporate Risk Assessment risk register if the risk re-emerges as a priority in the future.

- 4.4. Following the de-escalation of 3 risks to the appropriate Directorate Registers, and the proposed merger of two Risks the Corporate Risk Assessment will have 11 risks. Of these 11 risks, 7 risks are scored as high, 3 risks are scored as medium, and 1 is scored as low.

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

- 5.1. There are no implications upon policy framework and procedural rules.

6. Equality Act 2010 implications

- 6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services, and functions. This is an information report, therefore, it is not necessary to carry out an Equality Impact assessment in the production of this report.

It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

- 7.1. The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications directly associated with the updated Corporate Risk Assessment. Implementation actions will be progressed within approved budgets.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1. It is recommended that the Committee consider the updated Corporate Risk Assessment 2021-22 (**Appendix 1**) and receive a further report in January 2022 as part of the review of the 2022-23 Corporate Risk Assessment and the Corporate Risk Management Policy.

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Background documents:

None