## Appendix A -Corporate Risk Assessment (January 2022)

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	The Council is unable to make robust medium to long term decisions requiring service change	It is harder each year to make ongoing budget reductions as easier decisions have already been made. If more 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. The true impact of COVID remains unclear in terms of the Council's financial sustainability. Careful planning and difficult choices will be key to ensuring that a balanced financial position is able to be maintained.	4 5	20	Treat	Jan-19	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. The impact of COVID has been significant in terms of both timetable and the focus on achieving	Continuously review the assumptions built into the MTFS and update as additional information becomes available. Keep elected C members and BREP informed of updated position and re-align MTFS as appropriate. Earlier discussion with members on possible scenarios to get early buy in to the direction of travel. Review scope and direction of BREP to ensure they play a key part in shaping the MTFS. For MTFS 2022-26, more focus on potential areas of saving, even if not currently proposed, rather than just proposed savings. Focus to be more deep dives into targeted areas.  MTFS to consider longer term pressures and ensure these are fully considered beyond the life of the 4 year MTFS.	CMB	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Feb-2021 then ongoing quarterly review	3 5 15	Smarter use of resources
	The Council is unable to deliver transformation including projects and 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 and capital projects, which will lead to it not meeting its commitments within available budgets. Of particular importance here is the actions required to tackle the Climate Emergency, the consequences of which will have a detrimental impact on all areas of the Borough.	4 4	16	Treat	Jan-19	specific proposals for service improvement, deliver large scale capital regeneration projects, provide wider transformation opportunities and /or financial savings. Further transformation opportunities have been identified that are intended to support a 'One Council' culture and support staff and managers through transformation. It also has a well documented decarbonisation programme to tackle the Climate Emergency and will submit its Bridgend 2031	Further development of a 'One Council' culture and transformational change has progressed in recent years and has been accelerated as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic. A much more corporate approach to service provision and transformation has been driven by CMB. Our response to the pandemic has challenged the way that we work across all services, and we will need to quickly adapt and learn any lessons from this that can be embedded into 'new normal' and recovery. The Council has agreed a Digital Strategy and under the Digital Programme Board will progress a number of projects using digital solutions that are designed around the people that use them, to deliver seamless connectivity, and support the vulnerable in our communities. This is complemented by a more digital staff, as a result of the pandemic and the need to work differently and in a more agile way. A review of Council processes over recent months has meant that some deemed unnecessary and bureaucratic have ceased but full compliance with those that remain is required. In addition a corporate review of resource requirements and the prioritisation of projects has meant that resources can be directed where required, to ensure successful delivery. The 2030 Programme Board, projects boards and working with The Carbon Trust, will ensure that a robust 2030 Decarbonisation Strategy is prepared and that projects within it are delivered effectively in order to reach an ambitious net zero carbon position in the Council by 2030. Examples of processes which have stopped without impacting on compliance include the cession of wet ink signing and printing of documents as documentation is now electronically signed, physical attendance to open tenders replaced with opening on-line, a move to electronic authorisation of invoices on the Electronic Documents Record Management system and the replacement of in attendance training events with online remote training. The Organisational Development team are constantly reviewing the type of methods of training and developmen	СМВ	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing	2 4 8	All Well-Being Objectives
	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	Jan-19	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).	The Council will consider and seek external and match funding for projects where possible, in order to maximise its capital programme spending capability. Where feasible the capital earmarked reserve will be replenished on an annual basis to mitigate the decline in available and potential new capital receipts. The Council will continue to operate a strategy where capital receipts are not ring-fenced, to ensure that maximum flexibility is available.  All capital bids will be fully considered by CMB and CCMB in line with the Capital Strategy, before inclusion in the capital programme. Schemes must have been subject to a full feasibility assessment. This should inform more accurate costings and profiling of spend to avoid potential overspends or delays in schemes. The procurement process will also be considered and qualification criteria updated to try and avoid supplier issues.	СМВ	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Complete with ongoing review	3 5 15	Supporting a successful sustainable economy and smarter use of resources
		Risks to the safety and wellbeing of children and adults at risk are significant and require an effective, highly skilled response from multi-agency safeguarding partnership with leadership from the local authorities. There is a risk that without adequate budgets and as the decline of a sufficient experienced workforce there is a risk that the Council's safeguarding arrangements will not be effective, and that children and adults at risk will not be kept safe and will experience harm.	5 5	25	Treat	Jan-19	Safeguarding Board to safeguard children and adults at risk. There are well established governance arrangements and culture and practice of transparency and learning to ensure that		CMB	Jan-2022	Sep-2022	Ongoing	3 5 15	Helping people an communities to be more healthy and resilient and smarter use of resources

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	The Council is unable to 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	If the Council does not have the 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	Ja	an-19	The Council has anti virus installed 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 South Wales Local Resilience Forum (SWLRF) and South Wales Resilience.	ICT are reviewing options to mitigate potential cyber attacks as the attack landscape is continually changing.		Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing	3 4 12	All Well-Being Objectives
							Team (SWRT). Contract conditions are included in relevant contracts. The terms of these conditions will vary depending on the nature of the contract, but will cover compliance with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), security of personal information and general cyber security. Where contracts are awarded via a framework the necessary conditions will be imposed by the contracting agency for the framework. This has been an increased risk throughout the COVID period with significantly increased risk of attack and many more sophisticated attempts to disrupt the Council's network.	number of changes - some significant - were made during this period that has helped to mitigate the increased risk. Throughout the period the Council has stayed connected and resilient with many services being delivered remotely.  The situation is being monitored on an ongoing basis.						
COR-201 - 04	workforce with the necessary skills to meet the	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 swellbeing of citizens suffering and a loss of morale amongst the remaining staff if they feel unsupported and are seeking to work elsewhere.	4 4 166	Treat	Ja	an-19	In areas where there are recruitment challenges, a variety of approaches are being taken. The marketing of vacancies to reach as wide an audience as possible, promoting specific careers and maximising the use of social media in recruitment advertising, are some examples. Opportunities are being taken to increase capacity and develop skills through trainee type roles, enabling the Council to "grow our own", including Apprenticeships; a new Graduate programme and a new Secondment scheme to train staff to become Qualified Social Workers. A market supplement policy has been approved by Council(20 October 2021). The Market Supplement Policy will enable the Council, in exceptional circumstances to respond to any established recruitment and retention issues by temporarily increasing the pay awarded to a post, without altering the determined job evaluation grade.  Dedicated projects are being established in Social Services and Wellbeing to focus specifically on recruitment and retention in domiciliary care and children's social work.	There is a need to continue to seek alternative approaches to recruit to service areas, acknowledging that one size does not fit all. The benefits of working for the Council will be promoted alongside different ways of attracting staff. Consideration will also be given to how the Council's agency provider can support this agenda. Different recruitment, advertising and selection methods are being introduced for recruiting Apprentices, to improve the level and quality of applicants and with the aim of developing a pool of Apprentices.  The Market Supplement policy will be considered where appropriate to address market issues affecting recruitment. Action plans are in place and being developed to address challenges in the Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate.	СМВ	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing	4 4 16	All Well-Being Objectives
COR-201 05	Important Council services are compromised due to the failure of a key supplier	o If the 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.	4 4 16	Treat c Transfi		an-19	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). Where appropriate contract conditions are included to ensure the contractor has the appropriate level of security required for the service they provide. This will differ depending on the nature of the service and the legal requirements applicable.	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. This has continued throughout the pandemic.  Directorates to monitor the financial performance and stability of contractors on an ongoing basis. Dialogue with some major suppliers is required and contingency planning has been progressed. This has become increasingly important due to the fragility of the market and the economic situation as a result of COVID. Many suppliers are going through difficult times and we will need to monitor closely to ensure that critical services do not collapse.		Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing	4 3 12	Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient and smarter use of resources
COR - 2020 - 01		if Directorates do not comply with the GDPR action may be taken by the regulator which could result in fines and in a loss of reputation for the Council, including with citizens. Properly complied with, GDPR will in increase public trust and citizens confidence in how their data is handled by the Council.	4 4 16	Treat	Ju	un-20	Prior to GDPR an implementation group was established with representation from each Directorate and each Directorate undertook an audit of the data it holds. The Information Governance Board meets quarterly. A Data Protection Officer has been appointed and the Council has undertaken a review of its data protection and privacy policies and procedures, established an E-Learning model for staff and also provided training to Members. There is a data breach reporting procedure in place.	Directorates to ensure that staff have access to all the data protection policies and undertake the mandatory e-learning training. There is a risk of GDPR not being reflected by staff when performing certain activities leading to non compliance and penalties imposed by the ICO. The information Governance Board is continuing to meet. Following the move to remote working, staff have been reminded of compliance via Bridgenders messages and another message is due imminently.		Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing	3 2 6	Smarter use of resources

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02	Association of services will require new ways of working to be established and implemented to ensure Covid safe environments for staff and the public.	of Additional measures will need to be considered, with revised protocols with potentially additional costs, and increased operational burdens, to meet relevant guidance and provide safe service and working environments. Specific measures at a Directorate level will need to be assessed for the reopening of schools, including school transport and catering arrangements and assessing the needs of pupils with additional learning needs. Assessing the additional social care implications from having to work more remotely including the impact of remote assessments and less direct face to face contact for things like day services, the additional service requirement to meet the enhanced expectation that all homeless people will be provided with housing options and wrap around services, and the safe distancing, cleansing and hygiene and enhanced ICT provision required to allow effective reopening of the Council's core office portfolio on a gradual basis as well as better supporting agile working and working from home on an ongoing and more permanent basis, ensuring all health and safety requirements are understood and addressed. There is also a general risk that some members of the public, some staff and some elected members will not necessarily understand why new and different ways of working are necessary and may not be supportive, for example increased working away from the office and services offered on a predominantly 'digital' basis.  These issues may result in decreased capacity and therefore an inability to meet service demands, potential for claims against the Council based on health and safety, an increased financial burden on the Council on a recurring basis.	5 4	20 Tre-	at Sep-2-2	and new ways of working need to be implemented. A risk tool for individual members of st and elected members has been distributed for self assessment to determine if special		5 B	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing recovery once second wave of virus eases & subject to future peaks.	5 3 15	Smarter use of resources
COR-202	need to take an enhanced public health leadership role for a sustained period of time and that this will	to i		15 Tree	sat S	p-20 Planning effectively with our partners a joint Cwm Taf Morgannwg TTP team has been established across the Bridgend, RCT and Merthyr area. There will be ongoing recruitment this team to deal with peaks and troughs in demand. BCBC officers have assisted in plannin and staffing of mass vaccination centres and continue to support regional arrangements. T is enhanced wellbeing support available for staff.		CMB	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing during the remainder of the financial year and into 2021-22, particularly in view of the enhanced risk of the prevalence of the virus increasing during winter months, although some of these activities are likely to stay with us long term and will in due course need to become business as usual		Smarter use resources

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COM - Invigorating the economy and economic rec there will be a prolonged and deep econom recession following the Covid pandemic and uncertainties of the impact of the UKs with from the European Union, compounded by issues such as the impending closure of the engine plant.	increase further at the end of the UK government's 'furlough' scheme which has been extended to the end of March 2021, with the potential for further business failure at that point. In addition there is likely to be consequential impact on town centre footfall and increased empty retail properties, as potentially there will be less disposable spending locally.	5 3		Treat	Sep-20	By seeking to support local businesses and individuals by signposting them to appropriate financial support, stills training and support services, and progressing schemes to develop opportunities to set up and establish new business. Local coronavirus restrictions were replaced when at the end of December 2020 higher-level restrictions came into force in all of Wales to control the spread of the virus which was accelerating and present in all local communities, these restrictions would protect the public health for people living in the country. Please refer to Risk COR-2020-02 for details of the restrictions in place.	Support the aims set out by local economic recovery taskforce and identify and implement the recommended actions through the development of a new Economic Strategy. Liaise closely with colleagues in the Cardiff Capital Region and Welsh Governmen to identify and target opportunities for investment to add to investment provided by BCBC to stimulate and invigorate the economy. Seek to signpost opportunities for training, support and new jobs by targeting the work of the Council's Employability teams. Administer and target financial grant schemes and provide support to local businesses to adapt to new circumstances. Progress existing economic development schemes to provide more opportunities for business 'start up' by developing enterprise hubs throughout the County Borough. Agreeing direct intervention initiatives where the Council controls the cost of some relevant services, for example free car parking /car parking offers in town centres, rental holidays/reductions for businesses where the Council is the landlord. Develop proposals for the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund as well as other external funding sources as considered appropriate.	Economi Recovery Panel		Apr-2022	Ongoing	5 2 10	Supporting a successful sustainable economy
SS-2021 The WCCIS (Welsh Community Care Informa System) Social care system (national system to operate. This is an ICT system which hold BCBC social care records and is supported b external contractor.	will fail practitioners are unable to check records of individuals known to the service, this could cause safeguardin all issues as understanding previous referrals and interactions and undertaking lateral checks are critical to	kk liddisis	15 7	Treat	Jun-21	BCBC Social Services & Wellbeing (SSWB) together with the support of BCBC ICT and legal services will develop a local approach to working with the Supplier/Provider to overcome the local WCCIS issues being experienced and are also exploring all possible actions in terms of contract compliance and exit. A review of the local issues facing practitioners and users of th system will be collated jointly by the service and ICT so a full understanding can be presented to senior managers within the supplier in meetings with them to review the nogging BCBC issues. In addition a review of the contractual obligations will be undertaken by colleagues in legal in order that BCBC can challenge any non contract compliance with the supplier. Action also being undertaken as part of the all-Wales arrangements with regular links with the programme SRO and exploring co-ordinated action on a national basis, recognising that managing and mitigating risks and issues on a national is important when dealing with such a well resourced supplier.	expressing grave concerns about the significant issues at that time with the operation of the system day to day. The plan to upgrade the system remains on track at the moment - with Advanced the National Programme Team and local authorities working together to deliver actions which include final testing bug fixes	СМВ	Jan-2022	Apr-2022	Ongoing - Residual Risk to be reviewed	5 3 15	All Well-Being Objectives

Meaning

To continue with the activity, but at the same time take action to bring the risk to an acceptable level.

Transferring the responsibility of the risk to outside the Council.

1-6 - Green - Low 8-12 - Amber - Medium 15-25 - Red - High

Risk ID number follows the sequence Directorateyear identified - risk number
Directorate codes mentioned above are:
SS - Social Service
COR - Corporate
COM - Communities
CEX - Chief Executives