

Report to	-	Audit and Standards Committee
Date	-	10 December 2018
Report of the	-	Executive Director
Subject	-	Annual Risk Management Update

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

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Introduction

1. This update report for Members covers the progress in Risk Management during 2018. Risk refers to the uncertainty that surrounds future events and outcomes. It is essential that the Council has a strong approach to Risk Management, particularly with the current environment of substantial financial and resource pressures.

Progress

2. The issue of Risk Management is now routinely reviewed every six months by the Strategic Management Team (SMT) and Heads of Service. The SMT and a number of members of staff attended sessions with a member of the South East Regional Crime Unit looking at strategic cyber security decision making. The Corporate Risk Framework and associated plans continue to be reviewed and updated on a regular basis
3. A Risk Management training course is a regular feature of the Sussex Training Consortium's training programme.

Current Risk Register

4. The Corporate Risk Framework has been updated during this year and is attached at Appendix A. This is a live document and the key changes have been:
 - The addition of a terrorist incident as a Corporate Risk (primarily around Town Hall operations).
 - The adjustment of some of the risk ratings in the light of new information.
 - The consideration of 'Brexit' and initial thoughts on impact to the authority. This is also reported as a separate item on this agenda.

Conclusion

5. Risk Management has been progressed throughout this year. We will continue to look at emerging and changing risks, exercise potential risks and update the register where appropriate.

Malcolm Johnston
Executive Director

Risk Assessment Statement

No risks are foreseen with this report, which updates on progress. However, the failure to review and update the risk environment would be a significant failing on the part of the Council.