

North Tyneside Council

Report to Cabinet

Date: 12 March 2012

ITEM

Title: Corporate Risk
Management Summary
Report

Portfolio(s): Finance

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Judith Wallace

Report from Directorate: Finance and Resources

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the corporate risks that have been identified for monitoring and management by the Council's Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The report provides detailed information on each risk and how this is being managed.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet consider and endorse the latest review of key corporate risks undertaken by the Senior Leadership Team.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This report appears on the Forward Plan for the period 1 March 2012 to 30 June 2012.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The work of Risk Management supports the Council's Strategic Plan theme of 'Our Resources'. This is essential to the achievement of each of the Council's other strategic priorities for 2011/12 onwards, as set out in the Council Strategic Plan 2011-15.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

1.5.2 The Council has an agreed risk management process developed in conjunction with our insurers Zurich. It is designed to ensure that risks and opportunities to our business are properly identified, managed and monitored by appropriate senior officers within the organisation. Corporate risks – ie, those that are exceptional in nature, or which could

have a major impact on the whole organisation – are ‘owned’ and managed by a member of SLT, before reporting to Cabinet twice yearly.

1.5.3 There are currently five risks managed at corporate level covering the following areas:

- Spending Review
- Regeneration
- Working with Partners
- Workforce Planning and Performance
- Health Inequalities

In addition, new risks associated with alternative methods of service provision being explored by the Council have been identified, as set out in Appendix A.

1.5.4 The Strategic Director or Head of Service identified as owning the risk is responsible for ensuring the risks are managed and that there are effective controls in place to mitigate the risk. The Risk Management Team meets regularly with the owners of the risks to obtain and challenge the latest updates. The risks are then assessed for the likelihood of occurrence, and subsequent impact if they were to occur.

1.5.5 This information is then reviewed and challenged by SLT to ensure that risks are being managed effectively. SLT’s review for the latest period is attached as Appendix A for Cabinet’s consideration and endorsement.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

Option 1

To consider the information provided for each of the corporate risks and endorse the outcome of the latest review by SLT.

Option 2

After consideration of the detailed information provided for the corporate risks, suggest changes to the corporate risks and their controls.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

Each of the corporate risks has undergone substantial review and challenge as part of the corporate risk management process. This is designed to provide assurance that corporate risks and opportunities are being identified and appropriately managed.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix A – Corporate Risk Management Summary Report

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The Corporate Risk Review 31 January 2012 (C)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. All risks and the cost of associated mitigating actions have been assessed as part of the Council's 2012-15 Strategic Plan and budget setting process and are therefore contained within current budgets. Should any financial implications associated with these risks emerge that can not be contained within current budgets, then these will be reported to Cabinet.

2.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Corporate risk and opportunity information has been gathered from officers throughout the Council, and considered by the Council's SLT. This risk information has been shared with the Cabinet Member for Finance.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications arising directly from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications arising directly from this report.

2.6 Risk management

The subject matter of the report covers the organisation's risk management process. Risks, as set out in Appendix A, are being managed according to that process.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Strategic Director(s) X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Strategic Director with
Responsibility for Community
Engagement X