



Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	AUDIT COMMITTEE – 28 APRIL 2022
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 8
Subject	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	CLlr Joe Harris, Leader Email: joe.harris@cotswold.gov.uk
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Summary/Purpose	To update the Committee on the changes to the Council's corporate risk register at the end of 2021/22 Q4
Annexes	Annex A Corporate Risk Register 2021/22 Q4
Recommendation(s)	<i>To note the updates to the Council's corporate risk register</i>
Corporate priorities	Not Applicable
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	None



1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Corporate Risk Register was updated by the risk owners at the end of Q4 and is attached at Annex A.

2. RISK REGISTER

- 2.1 The main changes to the register are:
- 2.2 **CRR-014 (Financial impact of changes in legislation):** Risk removed, this was too broad as a risk in itself. When similar risks are identified in the future, they will focus on the particular piece of legislation and the anticipated impact on the Council.
- 2.3 **CRR-024 (If the Council is unable to meet its savings targets), CRR-002 (If the Council fails to meet its income targets) and CRR-017 (If the level of pay inflation exceeds provision in the MTFS):** Risks removed, these all relate to budget pressures already covered under CRR-018.
- 2.4 **CRR-005 (A legal challenge to any Council decision) and CRR-007 (If the Council fails to consult properly):** Risks removed, no longer considered significant with Monitoring Officer, legal support and other professional staff appointments.
- 2.5 **CRR-011 (if key officers are unavailable to make time critical decisions):** Risk removed as the Council has retained staff (Chief Executive, s.151 Officer and Monitoring Officer) and deputies in post.
- 2.6 **CRR-016 (Compliance with GDPR and the transparency agenda):** Removed as this is no longer considered to be a significant risk.
- 2.7 **CRR-034 Waste and Recycling:** Although there is still a national shortage of qualified drivers, UBICO have been able to recruit staff which has reduced the current level of risk.
- 2.8 **CRR-011 Cyber security, and CRR-012 Data Security:** The current level of risk remains high in light of the heightened threat of cyber attacks.
- 2.9 **CRR-033 Leisure Services:** Usage numbers have seen an increase, showing a greater level of confidence to use facilities following Covid.
- 2.10 **CRR-035 Business Grants and Council Tax Rebates:** This is a new risk concerning the grants and rebate payments the Council is expected to make. Although the impact is significant, considering the overall amount expected to be paid out, the likelihood of failure is low as the Council already has sufficient controls built into its processes having been required to make previous Covid grants.



3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report but there are a number of financial risks facing the Council which are set out in the risk register.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the range of risks facing the Council.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 The following documents have been identified by the author of the report in accordance with section 100D.5(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and are listed in accordance with section 100 D.1(a) for inspection by members of the public:

- Previous version of Strategic Risk Register.

These documents will be available for inspection at the Council Offices at Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX during normal office hours for a period of up to 4 years from the date of the meeting. Please contact democratic services via democratic@cotswold.gov.uk