

EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - RESOURCES
24 NOVEMBER 2010

RISK MANAGEMENT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the Council's risk management progress and seek approval for the updated corporate risk register

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Risk Management Policy makes this Committee responsible for:
- considering the corporate risk register (CRR) and recommending its approval to the Executive
 - monitoring the effectiveness of risk management throughout the Council and the progress made against the CRR target for actions dates.

3. RISK REGISTER

- 3.1 The Risk Management Group and relevant officers have reviewed the risks and, based upon actions implemented and actual experience, have reassessed the Impact and Likelihood scores. This has resulted in the following risk changes (please see Appendix 1 for details):

6. Environmental

- Flooding – increased from Low to Medium risk due to climate change assessments suggesting likelihood of more events in future

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- Topsham lock – New – Medium risk due to the leak from the canal under the lock pit into the river could affect the canal bank and towpath

7. Managerial/Professional

- Pandemic flu – decreased from Medium to Low risk as the measures in place would reduce the affects on service delivery

8. Financial

- Investment capital – decreased from High to Medium risk following the review of the investment strategy

8. Financial

- **Renaissance grant monies** – decreased from Medium to Low risk as all programmes and projects now well underway and achieving the expected outcomes

8. Financial

- **Annual financial accounts** – decreased from Medium to Low risk due to suitably qualified and experienced accountancy staff

10. Partnership/Contractual

- **Connaught in administration** – New – High risk as the company was undertaking the Council houses' kitchens & bathrooms programme

4. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRESS

- 4.1 A risk management report has been made to the November meeting of the Economy Scrutiny Committee of the risks relating to its areas. A report will be made to the January meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee
- 4.2 The roll-out to the services of risk and business continuity management is continuing with work undertaken with the Customer Services Centre.
- 4.3 The compilation of the full Register has a timescale of nearly two months. The risk register was therefore circulated to all heads of service two weeks before this committee meeting and they were asked to check that their entries were correct in order to ensure that members have the latest information available to them.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Scrutiny Committee - Resources:

- 5.1 reviews the updated Corporate Risk Register
- 5.2 notes the risk management progress to date

HEAD OF AUDIT

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling the report:

None