

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL**  
**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY**  
**18 JANUARY 2011**

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the risks identified that relate to its areas, and of the actions taken and proposed to mitigate the risks concerned.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 An annual risk management report is now made to both the Community and the Economy Scrutiny Committees of the risks that relate to their areas.

**3. RISK REGISTER**

- 3.1 The Corporate Risk Management Group and relevant officers have reviewed the hazards that have been identified and, based upon the measures already taken together with experience, assessed the Impact and Likelihood of their occurrence.
- 3.2 The Impact and Likelihood is scored on the basis of 1 (low) to 4 (high), and the resulting total is expressed as either High, Medium or Low. An extract of those risks that are either new or have increased, are shown in Appendix I.
- 3.3 The latest review has resulted in the following risk changes relevant to this committee:

**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, and now no longer the responsibility of the Head of Leisure & Museums.

**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**

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

**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 As reported previously, work has begun to establish risk registers for each unit starting with the high risk 'public facing' areas. The roll-out is essential in order to ensure that risk and business continuity management is embedded throughout the Council. A risk register has already been established for Cleansing Services, and further developed with Customer Services.

**5. RECOMMENDED**

That Scrutiny Committee – Community:

- 1) notes the risks relating to its areas; and
- 2) undertakes ongoing monitoring to ensure that the risk register remains current and risk assessments are valid, that proposed mitigating action is taken by the agreed target dates.

HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

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

**Background papers used in compiling the report:**

None