

**REPORT TO:** Business Efficiency Board

**DATE:** 10 March 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Corporate and Policy

**SUBJECT:** Risk Management Policy Document and Corporate Risk Register 2010-11

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To consider the Risk Management Policy Document and Corporate Risk Register

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Business Efficiency Board consider the risk management policy document and the corporate risk register 2010-11**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The purpose of the Risk Management Policy Document and Corporate Risk Register is to ensure that the council maximises its opportunities whilst minimising and controlling the associated risks in delivering the council's vision and services for Halton. The Policy document outlines the framework in which the council operates Risk Management, linked to performance management.

3.2 The Council's Executive Board, Management Team and Corporate Risk Management Group have recently reviewed the current Corporate Risk Register. As a result of this review the structure of the register has been amended and also the corporate risks which have been identified under each heading. The risks have been grouped under the following headings:

3.3 Partnerships, Children Services integration, Stakeholders, Finance, Mersey Gateway, Major Projects, Building Schools for the future, Corporate Capacity, I.T., Human Resources, Waste, Government Intervention, Community Cohesion, Resilience Planning., Crime and Disorder and Safe Guarding Adults.

3.4 Risk Management training has been provided to ensure that there is understanding of officers and members role in the risk management process. In addition a similar risk management programme has also been developed for schools, which should commence early 2010. Management Team and the Business Efficiency Board will receive regular reports on the council's risk management performance.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are a number of policy implications arising from the policy document, the register and the control measures. These are identified in the register within the control measures. E.g. Government Intervention – influence on Policy development. It is also important to ensure that the Corporate Risk Register and the Directorate Risk Registers are reviewed regularly by Directorates as part of the council's performance management strategy

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Not applicable.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 There are implications for each of the council's priorities as they could be affected by failure to manage the existing risks and also the failure to consider emerging risks. E.g. Impact of General Election leading to a possible change in government.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Failure to review and monitor the performance of the Corporate Risk Register could result in service development opportunities being lost and existing service delivery being compromised.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Within the risk register there are a number of implications for Equality and Diversity issues. E.g. Community Cohesion, Human Resources, and Resilience Planning.

#### **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1072**

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.