

REPORT TO: Business Efficiency Board

DATE: 27 November 2013

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Policy & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Corporate Risk Register – Progress
Commentary

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide the Board with an update on progress on the mitigating actions taken in relation to the Corporate Risk Register for 2013 / 2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

(1) review the robustness of the Corporate Risk Register and the adequacy of the associated risk management arrangements; and

(2) Note the progress being made.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Risk is defined as being the threat that an event or action will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and to successfully execute its strategies. Risk Management is defined as the process by which risks are identified, evaluated and controlled.

3.2 The Council recognises that it has a responsibility to manage both internal and external risks as a key component of good corporate governance and has prepared a Corporate Risk Register to minimise the risks of damage or loss. The Board approved the Register for 2013/14 on 22 May 2013.

3.3 The purpose of 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;

3.4 The risks have been grouped under the following headings:

- Budget Reductions
- Safeguarding Children and Adults
- Mersey Gateway
- Community Expectations
- Capacity and Resilience

Architectural Landscapes
Partnerships
Funding and Income Generation and
Fraud

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The register provides a framework through which the Council effectively manages the actual and potential opportunities and threats that may affect the achievement of its strategic priorities and operational objectives.

4.2 As part of the annual Business Planning process, each Directorate will be refreshing their own Risk Registers and this will also be the basis of an annual progress report to members.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Failure to manage corporate risks could have significant implications for the Council, as identified in the Register.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1. Council Priorities - Corporate effectiveness and business efficiency

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. Budget Reductions and Capacity and Resilience

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There are no relevant background documents.