



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 17/26

MEETING	Finance, Governance and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	7 July 2017
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Strategic Risk Register
STATUS OF REPORT	Open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For consideration and approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This paper provides Members with the latest position of the strategic risk register and associated controls.
RISK ASSESSMENT	Failure to successfully identify, monitor and manage risks may undermine the corporate reputation of the Authority and potentially heighten the risks facing it and the Service.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	It is recommended that Members review and note the progress being made with the risk controls on the strategic risk register
BACKGROUND PAPERS	Risk appetite matrix
APPENDICES	Appendix A - Strategic Risk Register
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 As Members are aware, the Finance, Governance and Audit Committee is required to review the strategic risks on a quarterly basis. These were last reviewed and approved by the Committee on the 22 March 2017.

2. Strategic risk register

- 2.1 Risks are being managed within the planning, performance and risk management system known as 'Sycle'. Risk management is monitored at all levels throughout the Service as part of departmental and team delivery. All risks are scored using the agreed risk appetite matrix and risks identified as scoring 15 and above are classified at strategic level.
- 2.2 The strategic risks are reviewed by the Service on a monthly basis, by the Strategic Leadership Team (SLT), where progress against the controls are discussed and monitored, Appendix A provides Members with details of the strategic risks, their current and targeted risk ratings and the controls planned to reduce and mitigate the risk to the targeted level. Each risk has commentary provided by the identified risk owner along with an update on the progress being made for the controls.
- 2.3 Since the register was last reviewed by SLT it is recommended that Risk 10 '*Uncertainty on the future vision and governance for fire and rescue services*' is made inactive and falls within the general function of the SLT. This is due to a number of factors. The Policing and Crime Act 2017 has now received Royal Assent. The then Minister, Brandon Lewis MP, presented a speech on the 7 February to set out his vision and priorities to support this Act now coming into force. The key areas of focus were (1) transparency and accountability (2) efficiency and procurement (3) workforce reform. Members have been sent the details of this speech by the Chairman. Members also received a further up-date on the Adrian Thomas review at the Authority on the 9 March including a position statement on how the Service currently aligns to the recommendations. The Service is doing a great deal of work to strengthen the performance management arrangements to the help mainstream many of these expectations. In addition to working with each Police Force and the South West Ambulance Service Trust (SWAST), the Chairman and Senior Officers are engaged in the SW Emergency Services collaboration partnership. This partnership seeks to strengthen joint work between emergency providers in the region to help discharge and demonstrate wider collaboration expected under the Act. The Authority has also agreed to pilot a Fire and Ambulance medical support trial and has a number of initiatives through its Integrated Risk management programme (IRMP) of work to help evidence wider collaboration. This programme of work is regularly reported to the Policy and Resources Committee. The chairman is an active Member on the national scene

and continues to help steer the work being undertake to ensure that the Authority and Service are as best positioned as possible.

3. Summary and Key Points

- 3.1 Good progress is being made against the strategic risk register with no significant new issues to raise with Members at this time. The next scheduled review will be in September.

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