

West London Waste Authority Risk Register

SUMMARY

This report provides the Committee with the Authority's updated Risk Register.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee is asked to:-

- 1) Note the content of the Risk Register (Appendix 1)

- 1. Introduction** – The Authority maintains a risk register which sets out the main risks to which the Authority is exposed and the actions management is taking to mitigate those risks. This is in line with good corporate governance.
- 2. Detail** – The Corporate Risk Register is a formal document that is reviewed regularly by risk owners and is a standard agenda item discussed at WLWA Officer meetings which are held regularly throughout the year, where risks and actions are considered and updated routinely.
- The risks are grouped according to the widely used PESTLE framework - political, economic, social, technological, legislative and environmental risks. Each risk is reviewed individually with risk owners taking responsibility for updating the register and highlighting significant changes and new risks. At the end of the risk register there is a matrix which helps Officers to score individual risks in terms of their probability and potential impact should they crystallize.
- 4. Appendix 1** provides the latest risk register which was updated at the latest Chief Officers' meeting. In overall terms, the risk register identifies 14 Amber risks facing the Authority and the mitigating actions to reduce the risk. All but 2 of the risks have been mitigated to a Green status. A brief explanation of the familiar Amber risks are provided below:
 - Brexit – Although no particularly significant impacts have been observed in relation to the Authority's operations, it is still early in the new arrangements so the risk level has been maintained and will be monitored on an ongoing basis.
 - Covid-19 pandemic – The risk has been reduced from red to amber to reflect the success of the vaccine roll out and reduced overall levels of risk. However, it is recognized that more localised risks remain and that the situation may change (e.g. new variants). Therefore this risk will continue to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

5. Financial Implications – The financial element of each risk is considered as part of the impact score. The higher the score the larger the potential impact.

6. Legal Implications – There are no legal implications as part of this report.

7. Impact on Joint Waste Management Strategy – The risk register crosses all policies within the Joint Waste Management Strategy.

Policy 7: The West London Waste Authority and constituent Boroughs will seek to provide waste management services that offer good value, that provide customer satisfaction and that meet and exceed legislative requirements.

Policy 8: The West London Waste Authority and constituent Boroughs will work together to achieve the aims of this strategy and are committed to share equitably the costs and rewards of achieving its aims.

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