



**Report for: GOVERNANCE, AUDIT,
RISK MANAGEMENT AND
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: 15 July 2024

**Subject: INFORMATION REPORT –
Corporate Risk Register 2024/25
Update Q1**

Responsible Officer: Sharon Daniels, Interim Director of Finance & Assurance

Exempt: No

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix 1 - Q1 Corporate Risk Register 2024/25

Section One – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the Council's Corporate Risk Register 2024/25 for Quarter 1 of the financial year to assist the GARMS Committee in monitoring progress on risk management in accordance with their Terms of Reference.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to note the following INFORMATION REPORT – Q1 Corporate Risk Register 2024/25.

Section 2 – Report

Corporate Risk Register 2024/25 Q1

- 2.1 The Council's Corporate Risk Register 2024/25 Quarter 1 (Q1) is attached (Appendix 1). The risks and the risk ratings in the corporate risk register have been reviewed for Q1 with control and risk owners and other relevant managers.
- 2.2 There are currently 16 open risks in the Quarter 1 2024/25 risk register, Three of the 16 open risks on the register (**19%**) are rated red, twelve of the risks (**75%**) are rated amber and one risk (**6%**) is rated green.
- 2.3 In terms of risk movement from the previous quarter, two risks (**13%**) have increased in significance since the previous quarter, one risk (**6%**) has decreased in significance since the previous quarter and thirteen risks (**81%**) have remained constant since the previous quarter.
- 2.4 In Q1 the most significant and headline risks in the corporate risk register are: -

RISK NO.	RISK	RISK RATING
1	Failure to fulfil the Council's Health & Safety (H&S) duties	C2
2	Major cybersecurity incident affecting the Council or an external supplier results in Service failure and significant breach of the Data Protection Act (Re-worded Risk)	C2
3	Housing do not deliver on health and safety statutory duties and regulatory requirements	C2

- 2.5 **Risk 1 above - Failure to fulfil the Council's Health & Safety (H&S) duties** - has increased since the previous quarter from an amber rating and is now rated RED C2 (Critical Impact – Medium Likelihood), as the Council has identified gaps in its health and safety governance arrangements requiring a plan to be put in place to close the gaps. This process will be initiated starting with training of the leadership of the Council as a top- down approach to setting a positive health and safety culture in the organisation. As at Q1 a RED C2 rating is appropriate but it is likely this will reduce to an AMBER D2 risk rating in the next quarter.
- 2.6 **Risk 2 above - Major cybersecurity incident affecting the Council or an external supplier results in Service failure and significant breach of the Data Protection Act** – has also increased since the previous quarter from an amber to a similar current RED C2 rating (Critical Impact – Medium Likelihood). continued increases in the number and impact of external supply chain breaches affecting Harrow has increased our assessment of the likely impact. The risk has been reworded from its previous wording in the last quarter of "There is a significant breach of the Data Protection Act and a catastrophic IT Failure" to reflect this.

- 2.7 **Risk 3 above - Housing do not deliver health and safety statutory duties and regulatory requirements** – has maintained its RED C2 significance (Critical Impact – Medium Likelihood) since the previous quarter but it is to be noted that Housing are nearing the point in its electrical testing progress where the likelihood element of the risk will decrease the risk to an amber in Q2.
- 2.8 During Quarter 1 a number of risks in the register were also reviewed and revisited to ensure they were stated appropriately and accurately and had the correct focus as at this point in time in the Council's journey of Putting Residents First.
- 2.9 **Risk 9 - There is insufficient financial and organisational commitment and capacity to implement the Council's climate and nature strategy** – was reviewed and restated from its previous wording of "The Council is not carbon neutral by 2030", so as to focus on current key issues that need to be addressed at this point in time, in order to continue to advance implementation of the climate and nature strategy.
- 2.10 Additionally during Quarter one, **Risks 10 and 11** in the register - **Failure to adequately deliver a statutory service/duty at Children's Services leading to a harmful event for an individual (s) for which the Council is responsible** and **Failure to adequately deliver a statutory service/duty at Adults and Public Health leading to a harmful event for an individual (s) for which the Council is responsible** respectively, have been created from a separating out of the former Q4 risk in the register, "Failure to adequately deliver a statutory service/duty leading to a harmful event for an individual (s) for which the Council is responsible".
- 2.11 This separating out of the Children's and Adult's dimensions of the joint risk above was undertaken to reflect the recent reorganisation of the former People directorate into two new directorates of Children's Services and Adults and Public Health with two separate management teams now responsible for leading on and managing risks within their operations.

Quarter 1 New Risks

- 2.12 There are no new risks in Quarter 1.

Emerging Risks in Quarter 1

- 2.13 No emergent risks were identified in Quarter 1.

Closed Risks in Quarter 1

- 2.14 No risks were closed in Quarter 1.

Legal Implications

As covered in the main body of the report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Risk Management Implications

This report is for noting and for information only and the Committee are not being asked to make any decisions hence there are no direct risk management implications to this report.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

N/A

Council Priorities

This report is for information only. The risks included in the attached corporate risk register are those considered to pose a threat to meeting the Council's priorities. The risk management process is designed to identify, mitigate, monitor these risks to protect as far as is possible the risk materializing.

1. **A Council That Puts Residents First**
2. **A Borough That Is Clean and Safe**
3. **A Place Where Those In Need Are Supported**

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

As this is an information report Legal / Finance / Corporate Director clearances are not necessary.

Ward Councillors notified:

NO, as it impacts all wards

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact: Tracy Barnett, Interim Head of Internal Audit and Corporate Anti-Fraud
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Background Papers: None