

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER FIRST QUARTER MONITORING

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Summary

1. To provide Scrutiny with information relating to the first quarter monitoring of the 2005 – 2006 Strategic Risk Register.

Introduction

2. The focus of good risk management is the identification and treatment of risks. The Strategic Risk Register identifies those risks assessed by CMT as being the main strategic risks that may prevent the council from achieving its medium to long-term priorities. It also provides details of the actions needed to contain the risks to an acceptable level.
3. Middlesbrough Council's revised strategic risk register was presented to Scrutiny in July 2005. This report presents the results from the first quarter monitoring of actions taken to mitigate against the risks identified in the Strategic Risk Register

Evidence / Discussion

Reviewing and reporting risk

4. Progress against each identified Corporate Strategic Risk is monitored and reported on a quarterly basis. The quarterly monitoring periods are:
 - April 05 – June 05
 - July 05 – September 05
 - October 05 – December 05
 - January 06 – March 06

5. An update report is produced after each monitoring period and presented to CMT, Scrutiny and Executive. This provides an opportunity to update the risk register with new risks, remove risks that are no longer assessed as being at level 'A' or 'B' and to updating any actions needed to mitigate against those risks.
6. At the end of the financial year a full review of strategic risks is undertaken and the Strategic Risk Register is updated as appropriate.

First quarter monitoring report - April 2005 to June 2005

7. There are forty-eight identified risks that make up the Strategic Risk Register 2005/2006 these are categorised in line with the Council's six Community Strategy themes and the Council's overarching 'Fit for Purpose' theme, as detailed below:
 - **Supporting children and learning theme.**
The Children, Families and Learning directorate has seven identified risks under this community strategy theme.
 - **Promoting healthier communities and effective social care for adults.**
The Social Care directorate has six identified risks under this community strategy theme.
 - **Creating safer and stronger communities has three identified risks.**
Environment has three identified risks under this community strategy theme.
 - **Transforming our local environment has eight identified risks.**
Environment has eight identified risks under this community strategy theme.
 - **Meeting local transport needs more efficiently has two identified risks.**
Environment has two identified risks under this community strategy theme.
 - **Promoting the economic vitality of Middlesbrough**
The Regeneration directorate has five identified risks under these three community strategy themes.
 - **Fit for purpose**
The Central Services directorate has seventeen identified risks under this theme.
8. The risk factors and associated risks, summary of approach, specific strategies and actions identified to mitigate the risks are summarised in appendix A. A full version is available upon request from the author of this report

CONCLUSION

9. The actions taken to mitigate against the risks identified are being undertaken in line with the timescales set.

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