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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group

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SUBJECT: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

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Background Papers: None

Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL			FINANCIAL	
HUMAN RESOURCES			EQUALITY IMPACT	
ENVIRONMENTAL			POLICY	
CORPORATE RISK	Known	✓	OTHER (please specify)	
	New			

Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To consider the Service's Corporate Risk Register in relation to Service Delivery.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Members note and approve the review by the Service of the Corporate Risk Register in relation to Service Delivery.

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Members have requested a standing item to be placed on the Agenda of the Policy and Challenge Groups for the consideration of risks relating to the remit of each Group. In addition, the Fire and Rescue Authority's (FRA) Audit and Standards Committee receives regular reports on the full Corporate Risk Register.
- 1.2 An extract of the Corporate Risk Register showing the risks appropriate to the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group together with explanatory notes regarding the risk ratings applied is appended to this report.

# 2. Current Revisions

- 2.1 The register is reviewed on a monthly basis during the Service's Corporate Management Team (CMT) meetings and by CMT members between these meetings if required. A copy of the risks relevant to the Service Delivery Policy and Challenge Group are attached for your information and approval.
- 2.2 Changes to individual risk ratings in the Corporate Risk Register: None. Individual risk ratings have been reviewed and are unchanged.
- 2.3 Updates to individual risks in the Corporate Risk Register:
  - CRR00022: If we have inadequate or incomplete operational pre
    planning policies, procedures or information available to us then we can
    potentially risk injury or even death to our fire-fighters and staff:
    Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (BFRS) is on track to complete the
    three year National Operational Guidance programme (NOG) in August 2017.
    Further work streams will be initiated following completion of the NOG that
    BFRS will undertake.

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Explanatory tables in regard to the risk impact scores, the risk rating and the risk strategy.

Risk Rating

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Risk Rating Considerations/Action
High risks which require urgent management attention and action.
Where appropriate, practical and proportionate to do so, new risk
controls must be implemented as soon as possible, to reduce the risk
rating. New controls aim to:
? reduce the likelihood of a disruption
? shorten the period of a disruption if it occurs
? limit the impact of a disruption if it occurs
These risks are monitored by CMT risk owner on a regular basis and
reviewed quarterly and annually by CMT.
These are high risks which require management attention and action.
Where practical and proportionate to do so, new risk controls should
be implemented to reduce the risk rating as the aim above. These
risks are monitored by CMT risk owner on a regular basis and
reviewed quarterly and annually by CMT.
These are moderate risks. New risk controls should be considered
and scoped. Where practical and proportionate, selected controls
should be prioritised for implementation. These risks are monitored
and reviewed by CMT.
These risks are unlikely to occur and are not significant in their impact.
They are managed within CMT management framework and reviewed
by CMT.

**Risk Strategy** 

Risk Strategy	Description
Treat	Implement and monitor the effectiveness of new controls to reduce the risk rating. This may involve significant resource to achieve (IT infrastructure for data replication/storage, cross-training of specialist staff, providing standby-premises etc) or may comprise a number of low cost, or cost neutral, mitigating measures which cumulatively reduce the risk rating (a validated Business Continuity plan, documented and regularly rehearsed building evacuation procedures etc).
Tolerate	A risk may be acceptable without any further action being taken depending on the risk appetite of the organisation. Also, while there may clearly be additional new controls which could be implemented to 'treat' a risk, if the cost of treating the risk is greater than the anticipated impact and loss should the risk occur, then it may be decided to tolerate the risk maintaining existing risk controls only.
Transfer	It may be possible to transfer the risk to a third party (conventional insurance or service provision (outsourcing)), however it is not possible to transfer the responsibility for the risk which remains with BLFRS.
Terminate	In some circumstances it may be appropriate or possible to terminate or remove the risk altogether by changing policy, process, procedure or function.