

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE		
DATE:	26TH MAY 2015	REPORT NO:	CFO/035/15
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TITLE OF REPORT:	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE JAN – APRIL 2015		
APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER 2014/15		

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the current risks contained within the Corporate Risk Register, the status of such risks and associated control measures - including reference to any new risks introduced or any risks that no longer apply and can be removed.

Recommendation

2. That Members approve the updated Corporate Risk Register.

Introduction and Background

3. It is good practice to regularly review the internal and external risks to the ongoing delivery of service by the Authority.
4. To that end, a Corporate Risk Register has been produced which focusses on the Mission and Aims of the Authority and aligns each risk to a specific aim. The resultant risks have been scored against the original risk and re-scored following mitigation. The purpose of this report is to ask Members to review the updated register to consider any implications for the Authority.

March 2015 Update

5. In line with the National Framework 2012 for Fire and Rescue Services a supplement to the existing Integrated Risk Management Plan 2013/15 has been approved by the Authority to cover the two year period 2015/17. (Risks 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3). This addresses MFRA's commitment to meeting its legal and social obligations.

6. In March 2015 risk owners were asked to review their risks as this is the final report to the Audit Committee of 2014/15. They were asked to assess if risks assigned to them are still relevant and current, if the mitigation put in place is still adequate and if risk scores are still appropriate. The new risks below were identified.
7. Risk 3.5 Station Change Programme – mergers and closures of Merseyside fire stations in light of budget cuts. The involvement of Merseyside Police and North West Ambulance Service has the potential to delay the programme due to their decision making processes leading to increased costs for MFRA due to variations to site plans.
8. Risk 3.6 There is potential for an elevated target risk for terrorist action at the shared blue light sites.
9. A new risk was added in February by the Head of Finance Following some issues regarding performance by a supplier during the implementation of a new system.

Equality and Diversity Implications

10. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Staff Implications

11. There are no specific staff implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

12. Should suppliers not provide a solution to the poor performance this could result in breach of contract with resultant sanctions applied.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

13. Management of Corporate Risk and the application of suitable mitigation strategies being in place, affords the Authority security that should a risk become an issue then suitable remedies are in place to mitigate any impact.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

14. The assessment and mitigation of risk is essential in ensuring a safe working environment for all MFRA employees and its agents and consideration of its actions on the environment is paramount.

Contribution to Our Mission: *Safer Stronger Communities – Safe Effective Firefighters*

15. Knowledge of and response to a risk occurring is an essential component of ensuring that the Authority continues to deliver an effective and efficient service to the communities of Merseyside.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CFO/082/14 Corporate Risk Register April to July 2014 update

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ABS Advanced Business Software and Solutions Ltd

NGA Northgate Arinso