

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE		
DATE:	27 JULY 2017	REPORT NO:	CFO/050/17
PRESENTING OFFICER	DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER DEC-MAR 17		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER
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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the current risks contained within the Corporate Risk Register, the status of the 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 for the period December 2016 to March 2017.

Introduction and Background

3. It is good practice to regularly review the internal and external risks to the on-going 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 attached at Appendix A to consider any implications for the Authority.

March 2017 Update

5. As per best practice guidance risk owners 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.

6. Members are asked to note that while this report is for the period December 2016 to March 2017 the attached update report also includes more recent information relating to employee pay offers and Members may be interested to know that the Corporate Risk Register for 2017/18 will include a new risk reflecting recent events at Grenfell Towers in London. These events have required an increased focus on fire safety in high rise buildings and further information will be provided in the next update report.
7. MFRA approach at this time (and subject to continuous review) has been to commence a programme of fire safety audits underpinned by a series of community reassurance campaigns for each of the 43 high rise buildings identified as having cladding on the exterior. This approach is being undertaken in conjunction with local authority partners and the identified responsible persons for each premise.
8. Officers monitor communications from Government; the National Fire Chief's Council, housing and other stakeholders and engage proactively to mitigate risks where possible.

Internal audit of risk management

9. The Strategic Management Group (SMG) has previously considered the outcomes from an Internal Audit report from April 2017 that looked at the Authority's approach to Risk Management. Overall compliance was found to be "Good", with some "Substantial" elements. The report also contained the following required actions:
10. The Risk Management Policy should be amended to include details of how risk appetite is calculated across the authority and what an acceptable risk tolerance level is. Work is currently on-going to establish how this might best be achieved in MFRS.
11. Consideration should be given when there is no movement on a risk to entering a narrative such as "*no change this period*" to evidence that the risk has at least been reviewed. Also, the risk / mitigated risk score should be reviewed and, where appropriate be revised to reflect the updated situation. Contributors have been asked to ensure that all risks are updated during the quarterly reviews and that no blanks are left.
12. A process should be developed to ensure that both best practice and potential failures are captured and shared throughout the organisation. Consideration is being given to how best to achieve this.
13. In relation to the in-progress actions, it is proposed to hold a single status SMG meeting to review the approach to risk management and current and potential risks, potentially using an external facilitator.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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

Staff Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications & Value for Money

17. 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.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

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

19. 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/065/15 Corporate Risk Register April – June 2016 update

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
