

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	AUTHORITY		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER DEC TO APRIL 2019 UPDATE		

APPENDICES:	APPENDIX A: CORPORATE RISK REGISTER DEC-MARCH 2019 UPDATE
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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 any updates for the period December 2018 to March 2019.

Recommendation

2. That Members approve the updated Corporate Risk Register for 2018/19 which incorporates the current status of those risks to March 2019.

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 Strategic Leadership Team (SLT) has reviewed the risks contained within the Corporate Risk Register and considered any new risks that might affect the Authority during 2018/19. 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 Corporate Risk Register attached at Appendix 1 to consider any implications for the Authority.
5. SLT had previously considered the outcomes from an Internal Audit report from April 2017 that considered the Authority's approach to Risk Management. Overall compliance was found to be "Good", with some "Substantial" elements. The report also required the Authority to consider its risk appetite and tolerance and to ensure that the status of all risks is updated regularly. These actions have been completed.

6. A new risk has been added to the register relating to the Home Office Incident Recording System (IRS). In March all Chief Fire Officers received notification that funding has not been granted to renew this system and there is also a planned data centre move pending. This could affect the availability of the system for an unspecified period, although the Home Office intention is to maintain and develop it. This presents more of a risk for MFRA than some other fire and rescue authorities as we rely solely on IRS for recording all post-incident information (it is used to create fire reports). Alternatives are being considered should the worst case scenario occur, although it should be noted that the notice given by the Home Office of this potential problem may not be sufficient to source a suitable alternative.
7. The risk relating to the building of the new fire station at Saughall Massie will be removed from the register as the building is now complete and operational.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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

Staff Implications

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

Legal Implications

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

Financial Implications & Value for Money

11. There are no financial implications contained within this report.

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

12. 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*

13. Knowledge of and response to a risk being realised 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/002/19 Corporate Risk Register Aug-Nov 2018 update

GLOSSARY OF TERMS
