

| MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY | | | |
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| MEETING OF THE: | AUTHORITY | | |
| DATE: | 18 MAY 2023 | REPORT NO: | CFO/011/23 |
| PRESENTING OFFICER | CHIEF FIRE OFFICER PHIL GARRIGAN | | |
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| TITLE OF REPORT: | CORPORATE RISK REGISTER OCT TO MARCH 2023 UPDATE | | |
| APPENDICES: | APPENDIX A: | CORPORATE RISK REGISTER 22-23 OCT TO MARCH UPDATE | |

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 October 2022 to March 2023.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that Members approve the updated Corporate Risk Register for 2022/23 which incorporates the current status of those risks to March 2023.

Introduction and Background

3. It is good practice to regularly review the internal and external risks in relation to the on-going delivery of service by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority.
4. To that end, a Corporate Risk Register has been produced which focuses on the Vision and purpose of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority ('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 2022/23. 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 A 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. Officers have sought an external review of the corporate risk register alongside what training can be provided to ensure relevant officers have sufficient knowledge to be empowered to raise the relevant risks. The proposals are being presented to SLT for consideration which include a new format of capturing risk including at department level upwards with engagement at every level of the Authority to ultimately create and identify corporate risks as well as the development of a new risk register itself.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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

Staff Implications

8. Staff manage the risks identified within the risk register.

Legal Implications

9. The management of the corporate risk register will ensure the Authority complies with its legal requirements and mitigates its risks within the agreed risk appetite.

Financial Implications & Value for Money

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

Risk Management, Health & Safety, and Environmental Implications

11. 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.
12. 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.

Contribution to Our Vision: *To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.*

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

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/51/22 Corporate Risk Register April to September 2022 Update
