STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER - POST FINANCIAL YEAR END 6 MONTHLY REVIEW

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is a review of the recently agreed Strategic Risk Register (SRR) and is prepared as per the agreed reporting 6 monthly reporting cycle.
- 1.2 The revised strategic risk register was agreed by Council in June 2014 is updated on a live basis and is formally reviewed twice yearly, in August (post year-end) and in February as part of budget setting process.
- 1.3 The process for reviewing the strategic risk register is outlined below:
 - Designated risk owner to update on an ongoing basis in consultation with appropriate chief officers /service managers and spokespersons.
 - SMT to review progress /update report.
 - Strategic risk group reviews the SRR at its scheduled meetings.
 - Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee to consider progress/ update reports.
- 1.4 The strategic risk group reviewed the strategic risk register at its June and September meetings and gave consideration to the potential risks relating to the undernoted themes;
 - Boundary Commission
 - Service Reform
 - Integrated Transport Strategy
 - COSLA

After discussion it was agreed that although they should remain in sight of the group, there wasn't a need to add them to the risk register at present.

- 1.5 The PRS committee has requested that in order to further support active risk management the strategic risk group lead developments on a risk appetite framework.
- 1.6 Options for developing a risk appetite framework were presented to the SRG at its September meeting. It was agreed that short-life working group be convened to progress appetite statements with a progress report to be presented at the next scheduled meeting.
- 1.7 There are currently no material changes to the strategic risk register as agreed at June Council. Appendix 1 details the strategic risk register which is currently showing 1 red risk being Population and Economic Decline and 14 risks in the amber category.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Members to note the content of the report.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 This report provides members with assurance that the strategic risk register continues to be actively monitored.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Policy None directly but the SRR should be used to assist the Council in setting and reviewing its strategic direction and performance.
- 4.2 Financial None directly from this report but effective risk management assists with effective governance and stewardship of council resources
- 4.3 Personnel None
- 4.4 Equal Opportunities None
- 4.5 Legal None.
- 4.6 Risk The report sets out the strategic risks facing the Council
- 4.7 Customer Service None.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Strategic Risk Register