



## ADUR & WORTHING COUNCILS

Joint Audit and Governance Committee  
13 July 2023

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

### **Risks & Opportunities Update Report**

#### **Report by the Director for Sustainability & Resources**

#### **Executive Summary**

##### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report provides the latest updates on the management of the Councils' Risks and Opportunities.

##### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the progress in managing the Risks and Opportunities be noted; and
- 2.2 That the Committee agree to receive a further progress report in January 2024.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 The Committee receives regular update reports on the general management of the Councils' Risks and Opportunities to assist the Committee in its role monitoring the effective development and operation of risk management and corporate governance in the Councils. This report provides the Committee with the detail of the updates including information on the 'High/Red' Service Risks for each Directorate. The last report to the Committee was on 29 November 2022. Further information on the management of Risks and Opportunities by the Councils is contained in the [Risks and Opportunities Management Strategy](#)

### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 The Councils have been impacted this year again by a number of issues where the outcomes are uncertain which could lead to an impact on the delivery of the long and short term objectives if no action was taken to mitigate these risks. The Councils have needed to be proactive in the management of these business risks and there have been significant challenges in setting the budgets this year. It has been a long time since the Councils had any certainty during budget setting.

### **5. Engagement and Communication**

- 5.1 The updates on Risks and Opportunities as contained in Appendices A, B and C have been produced in discussion with Directors, Assistant Directors and Heads of Service as part of the regular review process. The Council Leadership Team and relevant Officers have been consulted on the production and contents of this report.

### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report but there are financial implications associated with some of the Risks and Opportunities referred to in the report and contained elsewhere in the Risk registers.

### **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report but there are potential legal, compliance, regulation and public protection implications for the Councils if any of the risk events do occur. The Joint Audit and Governance Committee has the responsibility for monitoring the effective

development and operation of risk and opportunity management.

Joanne Lee 04/06/2023

**Background Papers**

Adur & Worthing Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy 2021 - 2023  
Risk and Opportunity Management updates report to the Joint Governance  
Committee on 29 November 2022

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## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Matter considered. The Risks and Opportunities are directly linked to the projects and work streams that have been in place to help deliver the commitments and activities contained in the Councils strategic vision. Some of these will impact on the economic development of the areas if they occur.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

Matter considered. Some of the Risks and Opportunities may have an impact on the value that communities experience from social value/projects if the Risks and Opportunities occur.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

Matter considered. Some of the Risks and Opportunities refer to equalities issues.

#### **2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

Matter considered. Some of the Risks and Opportunities may relate to crime and disorder issues.

#### **2.4 Human Rights Issues**

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

### **3. Environmental**

Matter considered. Some of the Risks and Opportunities may impact on environmental issues.

### **4. Governance**

Matter considered. As part of good governance the Councils need to manage Risks and Opportunities. The Councils Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy sets out clear governance controls for the management of Risks and Opportunities and part of these include provision for Risks and Opportunities to be considered by the Joint Audit and Governance Committee.