



Joint Audit and Governance Committee
18 January 2024

ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Risks & Opportunities Update Report

Report by the Director for Sustainability & Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

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

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the progress in managing the Risks and Opportunities; and

2.2 That the Committee agrees to receive a further progress report in July 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. The last report to the Committee was on 13 July 2023. 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 All of the Risks and Opportunities for each Council are reported and updated to the Council Leadership Team (CLT) and in consultation with Heads of Service and relevant Officers. General information on Risks and Opportunities is provided to the Joint Audit and Governance Committee on a regular basis in order that it can monitor the effective development and operation of Risk and Opportunity management in the Councils.
- 4.2 The Corporate Risks and Opportunities are key issues which have been identified by the Leadership Team as having the potential to impact on the operations and delivery of the Strategic objectives and priorities of both Councils and affect the direction contained in the Corporate Plan, 'Our Plan' covering the three years 2023-2025 which sets out for the Councils to be resilient, adaptable and participative and address the big ambitions and complex issues contained in Missions - 'Thriving People - Thriving Places, Thriving environment and Thriving economy'. Service Risks and Opportunities relate to the day to day operations of each individual service and are linked to each Service area's Business Plan.
- 4.3 The inclusion of these issues on the Risks and Opportunities registers does not mean that they will occur but ensures that effective risk and opportunity management arrangements are in place as an integral component of strategic decision making, service planning and delivery which will help increase the likelihood of the Councils achieving the Corporate aims and Objectives and move in the direction prescribed in the Corporate Plan.

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.

Background Papers

Adur & Worthing Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy
Risk and Opportunity Management updates report to the Joint Governance Committee on 13 July 2023 [Minute ref no: JGC/20/23-24](#)

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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.