

Informal Joint Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register Quarterly Report – March 2015	
Report No:	PAS/FH/15/010	
Report to and date:	Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee	4 June 2015
Portfolio holder:	To be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 27 May 2015.	
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Purpose of report:	To review the West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register Quarterly Monitoring Report	
Recommendation:	Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee: It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that Members scrutinise the updated West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register at Appendix 1 and refer any major issues requiring attention to Cabinet.	
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation:	• Not Applicable	
Alternative option(s):	• Not Applicable	
Implications:		

Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no direct financial or budget implications arising from this report. Specific risks associated with finance and resources are included in the West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register at Appendix 1 	
Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
See individual assessments against each risk as detailed in Appendix 1			
Ward(s) affected:		All Ward/s	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		None	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1 West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register 2014/2015	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

1.1 Key Issues and Summary

- 1.1.1 The West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register is updated regularly by the Risk Management Group. The Group is comprised of service representatives, including Health and Safety, supported by a Director and the Portfolio Holder for Resources, Governance and Performance. Heads of Service may be required to provide further information as requested by the Group.
- 1.1.2 At its most recent assessment in April 2015 the Group reviewed the Target Risk, the risk level where the Council aims to be, and agreed a Current Risk assessment. These assessments form the revised West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.1.3 Part of this assessment included the consideration of the controls and actions in place to address the individual risks. Where Target Risk levels are lower than the Current Risk assessment, further action is either being taken or planned in order to treat the risk and meet the target.
- 1.1.4 Since the last assessment reported to the Committee on 29 January 2015, there has been one new risk identified relating to closure of RAF Mildenhall (please see 1.2.1 below) and one risk has been closed, WS9 (please see 1.3.1 below) Some individual controls or actions have been updated and those that were not ongoing and had been completed by March 2015 have been removed from the register.

1.2 New or Amended Risks

- 1.2.1 Following confirmation that RAF Mildenhall is to close, the Group felt that it would be appropriate to raise a new risk, WS22, Effects of the closure of RAF Mildenhall. Although specific to Forest Heath District Council it was decided that the risk should be included as a West Suffolk risk as the impact could be felt across the region.
- 1.2.2 Initial Inherent and Residual Risk scores together with initial actions have been included in West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register and will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Group.

1.3 Closed Risks

- 1.3.1 Following the full review and adoption of the revised Constitution by both Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council, the Group agreed that risk WS9, Ineffective governance that does not take into account the rapidly, ever changing external environment, be removed from the West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register.

1.4 Reasons for Recommendations

- 1.4.1 The Council's Strategic Plan for 2013/2014, adopted by the Council in February 2014, includes three key priority areas supported by a range of actions to deliver specific outcomes.

- 1.4.2 The West Suffolk Strategic Risk Register identifies and records the level of risk associated with delivering the Council's plans alongside meeting its statutory responsibilities and the organisation's overall ability to respond to change. Through assessment of risk and the likelihood and impact of potential failure to meet these challenges, the level of controls and where possible, action required is identified and implemented.