

REPORT REFERENCE NO.	APRC/17/17
MEETING	AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING	12 SEPTEMBER 2017
SUBJECT OF REPORT	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER
LEAD OFFICER	AREA MANAGER – ORGANISATIONAL ASSURANCE
RECOMMENDATIONS	<i>That the report be noted.</i>
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Managing risks of all kinds, both operational and strategic, is an important part of ensuring that the resources of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service are used to best advantage. Risk is inherent in most things that we do and much of our activity is already assessed and managed through the application of the operational risk management procedures and good common sense.</p> <p>The Corporate Risk Register details risks and mitigation to ensure risk is managed appropriately and proportionately.</p>
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil.
EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ASSESSMENT (ERBA)	Not applicable.
APPENDICES	Nil.
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS	<p>APRC January 2017 – Corporate Risk Register</p> <p>APRC June 2016 – Corporate Risk Register</p> <p>DSFRA/36 - 24 February 2014</p> <p>DSFRA/13/21 - 19 December 2013</p>

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The aims underpinning risk management for Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service are to:

- Protect the assets of the Service;
- Ensure service continuity; and
- Facilitate innovation and opportunity

1.2 Risk management does not mean risk avoidance. It is about encouraging officers and managers to identify, understand and control risk and to learn how to accept the right level of risk.

2. **BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Corporate Risk Register captures and describes the Authority's most significant risks, with a focus on cross cutting risks and major projects. It is formally reviewed and refreshed on a regular cycle. The final stage of the process, once the risks have been reviewed by risk owners and directors, is for the Committee to consider and comment on the register.

3. **CORPORATE RISKS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The Service's risk profile has changed over the last six months. Two risks have been added to the Register with no risks downgraded to operational groups and departments. No risks have increased in severity. As is normal, there have been minor changes to control measures across the risk portfolio. Risk owners are assigned to each issue and active mitigation in place. The more substantive changes to the risk register are set out below. The review process itself is currently being reviewed.

3.2 New risks

3.1.1 Risk CR039 Issue added May 2017

Cause: Ambulance service resource pressures.

Impact: The delay in arrival on scene impacts adversely on the patient condition, operational crews seek alternative methods of patient transportation and/or crews are unavailable for Service Delivery response. Increased exposure to casualties may also impact on crew welfare.

Control measures: Senior management discussions ongoing between both emergency services.

3.1.2 Risk CR040 Issue added June 2017

Cause: Changes to Data Protection Regulation as a result of UK being part of European Union.

Impact: Data Protection Act 1998 is being replaced by General Data Protection Regulation and the Service has to comply with the legislation by 25 May 2018. Internal resource allocation and responsibilities resided within two separate departments.

Control measures: Internal resource allocation and responsibilities have moved to one department - Information Assurance & Security Team. Their objective is to manage the General Data Protection Regulation compliance plan and work towards implementation of control measures. Procurement process underway to source a General Data Protection Regulation subject matter expert to oversee a compliance implementation plan.

3.3 Amended risks

No risks amended.

3.4 Risks removed

No risks removed.

4. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Existing control measures in place are operating effectively to help DSFRS meet its legal requirements, and other risks also refer to controls that will reduce the risk of legal challenge.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications. However, many of the risks relate to financial issues.

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