

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FROM: HEAD OF FINANCE**

**REPORT NUMBER G86**

**TO: OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
(STEWARDSHIP) COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF MEETING: 29 AUGUST 2007**

### **CORPORATE BUSINESS RISKS 2007/08**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Members further on the above, specifically to link each of the Corporate Business Risks in the Significant Business Risks Register (June 2007) to the Council's strategic business objectives and corporate priorities.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Members agree/note the links between Corporate Business Risks and the Council's strategic business objectives and corporate priorities.

The Committee is able to resolve the matter.

#### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None directly.

#### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 There are no further risks over and above those identified previously in Paper G21 to this Committee on 5 June 2007.

#### **5. KEY INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The Committee agreed the Corporate Business Risks outlined in Paper G21, subject to further consideration by Members at this afternoon's Risk Management workshop. Strategy Committee approved these on 28 June 2007.
- 5.2 A further aspect that needs agreement is how these link to the Council's current strategic business objectives/corporate and service priorities. These are -

#### **The Council's role (strategic business objectives)**

- Provide responsible community leadership and influence in building, sustaining and helping to deliver a vision for the District that is shared by Babergh's citizens and the Council's partners.
- Create, support and sustain the social, economic and environmental conditions in which the shared vision for the District is realistically achievable.
- Encourage and contribute to partnerships that help to deliver that vision.
- Make decisions that best reflect and balance the diverse needs of individuals and communities in the District.
- Maintain a skilled, flexible and motivated workforce to deliver the services that citizens need.
- Make it easy for all citizens to access those services as conveniently as possible.

## **The Council's Priorities**

- Maintain a **safe, clean** and **sustainable** environment.
- Increase the **supply of housing** that local people can afford to rent or buy.
- Promote **healthy living** and reduce **health inequalities**.
- Give easy, convenient **access to quality public services**.
- Raise individual **and community ambitions** and encourage **active citizenship**.

5.3 The proposed linkages are shown in Appendix A. This will then be incorporated in the Corporate Risk Register. Members may wish to note that the Corporate Plan Working Group is in the process of considering the corporate priorities for the Council for 2008/09 and beyond and any changes to the priorities will of course be reflected back to the risk register current at that time.

## 6. **APPENDIX**

Appendix A – Links between Corporate Risks and the Council's strategic business objectives/corporate and service priorities.

## 7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

None.

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