# Appendix E Strategic Risk Register June 2017 – Draft



South Cambridgeshire District Council

Risk Reference, Title, (date first included) and Description,	Risk Owner	Risk Score		Risk Owner's Comments
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STR25 - Increase in cost of managing homelessness (January 2013)  Potential impacts from welfare benefit changes:  The 1% HRA rent cut has reduced our new build programme;  New affordable housing coming through the system from RPs will slow down and Starter Homes are unusable for our homeless cases;  Forced council house sales will reduce our stock further – possibly 40% of all relets each year;  The proposed introduction of LHA rate for supported housing risks the closure of our newly built hostel (it would revert to general needs tenancies).  Likelihood that Council relets will only be available for homeless households, thereby impacting on our ability to house others from the housing register and undertake effective prevention work.  Greater responsibilities under the Homeless Reduction Act resulting in an increase in duties owed by the Council and a significant increase in costs to the Council to meet its statutory obligations. Likely to see an increased demand for the service, and more in-depth support and assessment for those that do approach the Council.  Objectives, Actions: B ii, B v, B vi	Cllr Lynda Harford Stephen Hills	9	25	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Developing an in-house Private Sector Leasing Scheme to replace the King Street scheme.  Use of Rent Deposit Scheme, CAB Money advice, other homeless prevention measures and New Build programme.  New hostel opened in 2015 with increased TA.  Successful Joint Trailblazer bid to introduce more joint working and initiatives around homeless prevention. Additional government funding in respect of the Homeless Reduction Bill duties (amount TBC) CIH review of homelessness in 2016, identifying existing good practice and future recommendations  The authority needs to prepare for a possible increase in homeless applications with the potential risk of paying out £500k to £1m in Temporary Accommodation / B&B costs per annum.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: The mitigation work will be closely monitored throughout the year. The success of the new PSL project will be known within 6 months.

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STR05 - Failure to meet Housing Need (was Lack of land supply) (June 2007) Failure to meet Housing needs identified in Local Plan, Local Economic requirements — lack of opportunity/economic performance, Delivery of housing falling below levels necessary to achieve: - a five-year supply of housing and the Local Plan target for housing 2011-2031 - City Deal 1,000 additional homes on rural exception sites, Economic uncertainty following Brexit and potential slow down in planning application submissions and house builders by developers, Potential delays to delivery arising from delays to infrastructure programmes, Recruitment and retention of appropriate staff to provide maintain consistency and continuity overseeing major, long term and complex schemes, leading to lack of up to date policy to support Housing Need, Lack of efficient planning process to deliver strategic sites: - failure in investment in infrastructure necessary to unlock development, - economic uncertainty, resulting in lack of housing provision to meet local need and potential impact on 5 year housing land supply. Potential adverse impact on quality of schemes and customer confidence.  Objectives, Actions: B i, B iii	Cllr Robert Turner Stephen Kelly	10	20	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Establishing a Housing Delivery Project to manage this situation with measures including: - Monthly monitoring of 5-year supply - Tracking of outline planning permissions through to implementation - reduced time limits on outline permissions from 3 to 2 years - requiring delivery programmes from developers.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Establishing a Housing Delivery Project to manage this situation with measures including: - Monthly monitoring of 5-year supply - Tracking of outline planning permissions through to implementation - reduced time limits on outline permissions from 3 to 2 years - requiring delivery programmes from developers - requiring delivery programmes from developers Effective programme management and regular liaison with developers. PPA to secure up to date programmes and sufficient resources and skill sets and tools e.g. design briefs.  Monitoring of deliver against Housing Trajectory.  Consider alternative delivery mechanisms e.g LDOs to encourage timely delivery.

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STR28 – Recruitment & Retention (September 2015) Reduced staffing capacity due to difficulties in recruitment and retention, especially in some professions, leading to loss of resources / experience / expertise in key services, increased workload and pressure on remaining staff to deliver services, increased sickness absence and stress, increased costs (including of repeat recruitment) and additional cost of using the agency staff; resulting in lack of capacity to meet service delivery needs, loss of effectiveness/productivity, disruption to, or lower quality of, services provided, either internally or to the public, failure to comply with statutory processes or meet statutory deadlines; damage to the Council's reputation; legal challenge.  Objectives, Actions: All	Cllr Simon Edwards Susan Gardner Craig	9	20	SCORES - IMPACT: 4; LIKELIHOOD: 5.  CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Variety of actions in place, appropriate to service areas, including:  Internal development opportunities Funded professional development & qualifications Secondments, both internally and with partnering authorities Shared services with partnering authorities Market supplements on a fixed term basis Use of temporary workers Changes to recruitment approaches, new jobs page on website, use of different media Keep under review marketplace pay levels using e-paycheck and other means Increase in the number of apprenticeships on offer Developing a career progression scheme Offering trainee LGV Driver places
STR15 - Welfare Reform (December 2010) Radical changes to benefits, including localised council tax support scheme and introduction of a universal credit system, leading to possible:  • increased IT cost due to required system changes; • implementation costs not fully reimbursed by Government grant; • increased workload for Benefits and Homelessness teams, resulting in potential for: • adverse effect on service provision due to the number of changes; • increased dissatisfaction with the service due to reduced amounts of benefit payable; • impact on Medium Term Financial Strategy; • devastating effect on people with mental health problems; and • dislocation of private sector housing market.  Objectives, Actions: B i, B ii, B v, B vi  Relevant PI(s): FS 112 – Days to process new HB and CTS claims FS 113 – Days to process HB and CTS change events	Cllr Simon Edwards Susan Gardner Craig	10	16	Ongoing: Additional actions being considered in some service areas.  SCORES - IMPACT: 4; LIKELIHOOD: 4.  CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Scoping work currently being undertaken by the Benefits Manager to assess the impact of Universal Credit and how it impacts the administration of Housing Benefit, Localized Council Tax Support and Rent Collection for SCDC tenants.  Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) have confirmed increased Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) budget for 2017/18 following the reduction in the level of the Benefit Cap (£20k).Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) and welfare reform workshop to take place with regard to proposed LCTS scheme 2018/19 and possible welfare changes.  Monitoring of roll out of Universal Credit (UC) to ensure lessons learnt are implemented at SCDC. Information currently available indicates the rollout of UC will be a slow process during this current parliament with all new working age claims processing not available until 2020-21.

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IRO8 - Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)  Ine 2007)  Isks concerning the financial projections include:  not achieving delivery of additional income / savings to meet targets, including from Business Improvement & Efficiency and Commercialisation Programmes projects (and see STR26), shared services initiatives and the housing company;  inflation exceeds assumptions; interest rates do not meet forecasts; employer's pension contributions increases exceed projections; changes in demand for some service areas could lead to pressures in the related budgets, especially Housing; unforeseen restructuring costs; retained business rates scheme – volatility of outstanding valuation appeals, made worse by the 2017 revaluation; retained business rates scheme does not meet forecast; retained business rates scheme tariff adjustments continue from 2020/21; Business rates revaluation at April 2017 is not fiscally neutral for the Council; Changes in the business rates retention scheme to effect 100% retention are detrimental to the Council; Uncertainties following the June 2016 referendum vote to leave EU, particularly unpredictable volatility in economic factors, e.g. inflation, interest rates, employment, busines confidence, etc. impact assumptions underlying the MTFS major developments do not meet housing trajectory forecast; cost of supporting development and meeting demand from growth; impact of welfare reform (and see STR15); availability of budget for Cabinet priorities; council tax strategy (Government change rules); material error or omission in MTFS forecasts; outcome of New Homes Bonus scheme consultation lead to less resources than anticipated; increased uncertainty in budget setting due to commercia activities, exposure to market competition and commodity price trends, leads to reduced income / increased costs above those forecast in MTFS, adding to the Council needing to take action to cut its budgets sulting in cuts in services, public dissatisfaction, audit and spection criticism.	Cllr Simon Edwards Caroline Ryba	Target 10	15	SCORES - IMPACT: 5; LIKELIHOOD: 3.  CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Updated MTFS approved by Cabinet in February 2016. Implement plans to deliver Council's programme in line with latest General Fund income and savings targets.  Comparisons between MTFS, financial position statements and General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme estimates. Monitor inflation factors, effect of current economic climate on demand led services and budgets.  Monthly financial report to Executive Management Team (EMT); EMT reviews progress in achieving budget targets.  Treasury management reports to Finance & Staffing PFH.  Monitoring of business rates income, collection rates and appeals. Monitoring of council tax base to identify financial implications of growth. Additional income/savings targets built in to Business Improvement & Efficiency and Commercialisation Programmes projects, shared services and other initiatives.  Report to Cabinet on shared service principles and business cases in July 2015. Share Service governance process in place.  Spending Review / Autumn Statement and provisional Local Government Finance Settlement: implications modelled for February 2016 Cabinet report (2016/17 figures confirmed in February 2016).  Submission of an efficiency plan to government, thereby seeking to confirm significant elements of income for the next three years as a control/mitigation.  Use of reserves.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Identify further opportunities for commercial income and assess the risks associated with each commercial project.  Separately identify commercial projects and market price trends to Cabinet.  Relevant PI(s):  FS 101 - % General Fund Budget variance FS 107 - % Capital variance	

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STR24 - HRA Business Plan (March 2012) The HRA Business Plan has its own associated risk register.  The score of the risk in this Strategic Risk Register is a composite score from the HRA Business Plan risk register, and reflects changes announced in the Government's July 2015 Budget on:  1% rent reduction for 4 years, loss of relets to fund the extension of the RTB scheme to Registered Providers, Sale of estimated 50% of voids to fund extension of RTB to RPs  Objectives, Actions: B i, B ii, B v, B vi	Cllr Lynda Harford Stephen Hills	8	12	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Capacity had been built into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan to absorb some future changes if they were required; however, the 1% rent cut announced in the Government's July 2015 Budget is the same as reopening the debt settlement - it takes £134m out of the HRA Business Plan and has a significant impact on the Council's build programme.  The potential loss of properties through 'high value sales' further weakens the HRA Business Plan and creates further pressure on Risk STR25.  Monitor Government policy including utilising our partnership arrangements with the Chartered Institute of Housing and respond to formal consultations.  Detailed review of HRA business plan part of 2016 Service Plan.  Potential to negotiate with Government for retention of high value sales receipts to fund a replacement programme.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Revised HRA Business Plan for approval February 2017.

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STR26 – Business Improvement & Efficiency, Development Control Improvement, Working Smarter and Commercialisation Programmes (November 2013)  The Business Improvement Efficiency Programme (BIEP), Development Control Improvement Programme (DCIP), Planning Programme, Affordable Homes Programme, Working Smarter and Commercialisation Programmes have their own associated risk registers.  The risks included are summarised as follows (only those scoring 12 and above are reflected in the summary):  The Projects on the programmes are not completed in a timely fashion due to  inadequate stakeholder engagement,  conflicting operational, programme and project priorities, or  long term unavailability of relevant and crucial staff, leading to inadequate programme and project resources and support, resulting in a delay or failure to deliver the outputs, associated benefits, and required income and savings targets.  Objectives, Actions: Di, Dii, Diii, Div, Dv	Cllr Nick Wright Phil Bird	12	12	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: The Programme Manager identified programme and project resource requirements before the start of the tranches. The level of resource required is continually monitored by the Programme Manager as projects progress, close and new ones commence. The Senior Responsible Owner is responsible for securing the required resources. Regular 1:1s with Executive Director (Senior Responsible Owner). Monthly Highlight Reports from each Project Manager to the Programme Manager. Monthly Highlight Reports to EMT from the Programme Manager. Regular update meetings with Project Managers & Project Sponsors used to assess required resource levels. A Stakeholder Engagement Strategy and detailed stakeholder analysis has been developed. Stakeholder engagement activities place regularly throughout the programme. Increasing emphasis on Lessons Learned from other projects will help the Sponsoring Group, Programme Manager and Project Managers mitigate this risk. Each project risk register is updated monthly and reviewed with project manager. There is currently an increased workload for the Corporate Programme Manager (CPM) due to the long-term absence of the Facilities Manager and the Catering Manager. Provision has been made in the canteen with acting up arrangements put in place. The Facilities Manager is due back within weeks. This does not impact directly on the Programmes themselves or the Projects within them but limits the time the CPM can spend on them. The score has been increased to reflect what is a temporary issue.  The following training programmes are in place to support business development:  Delivery of Commercial skills training  Leadership Training  Project Management/Project Sponsor Training  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Throughout 2012-2017.
STR30 – Devolution Risk - Failure of implementation programme to deliver on scope, time, quality and cost (September 2016)  Tight timescales, insufficient time and capacity to get structures in place, changes in the political and economic climate, failure of some or all partners to engage fully and/or of associated governance arrangements, leading to; delays to the receipt of, or complete loss of powers and funding allocated to the Combined Authority under the devolution deal, resulting in:  Inability of SCDC to deliver its Corporate Plan, financially unviable services, reputational damage for SCDC, wider loss of credibility for Cambridgeshire authorities, reducing the prospect of successful future devolution deals with government.	Cllr Peter Topping Alex Colyer	8	12	Draft legislation in relation to Devolution was published by the Government in November 2016 and approved by authorities.  It was then moved through the Parliament and became a Parliamentary Order.  On 18 January 2017 the authorities gave their consent to the draft order of Parliament. Awareness of the timetable and ongoing preparations mitigate the risk of failure to deliver the deal in accordance with the specified milestones.  The Shadow authority is in place at this time and is meeting regularly.

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STR32 – Development Management Performance inadequate (was Risk of Designation as Poorly Performing Planning Authority) (March 2017) Failure to deal with planning applications in the DCLG prescribed time limits. The Planning Inspectorate failing to support the Council's decision to refuse planning permission or allowing appeals lodged against non determination, Inadequate resources to meet demand, Inefficient processes, Failure of alignment between each planning authority, Failure to meet investment requiirements in Greater Cambridge, resulting in No Local Plan, Inadequate performance, Increase in work for and costs to and costs awarded against the Councils. Loss of local control of decision making if designated as applicants can apply direct to PINNS.  Objectives, Actions:	Cllr Robert Turner Stephen Kelly	3	12	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Effective delegation Proactive approach by all teams. Reduced complaints by prompt responses. Refocus on importance of pre-application process and ' getting it right first time' Shared Service improvements Regular reports to CMT, EMT and Cabinet TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Report going to Civic Affairs 22/6/17 to recommend a Review Mechanism for member Decisions at Planning Committee Effective and on-going performance management. Review and streamline processes and procedures and consistent adherence by staff to them with associated training and confidence. Proactive approach by all teams. Reduced complaints by prompt responses. Refocus on importance of pre-application process and ' getting it right first

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STR03 – Gypsy and Travellers and those not meeting new planning definition (was Illegal Traveller encampments or developments) (June 2007) Changes in the planning definition of Gypsies and Travellers and resulting confusion in planning situation for those that do not meet the new definition. Is unresolved through Local Plan leading to potential to result in possible increase in unauthorised sites and planning appeals with risks of costs, or possible legal challenge, resulting in stalled projects.  Objectives, Actions: B iii	Cllr Robert Turner Stephen Kelly	9	9	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Ongoing routine monitoring of all district development. New Government guidance issued in August 2015, resulting in significant changes to the definition of travellers for the purposed of planning. County wide needs assessment endorsed by PFH in 2012. A new needs assessment has been commissioned, for completion November 2016. Monthly report on position regarding temporary expiries and applications circulated to managers and key Members for coordination and oversight. Gypsy & Traveller planning policies included in draft Local Plan (will require modification to reflect the new government guidance and the outcome of the new Needs Assessment) In 2014 a total of 67 Gypsy and Traveller pitches gained permanent planning permission (three were granted on appeal). In 2015 six pitches have gained permanent planning permission and temporary planning permission for 1 pitch was granted on appeal at Wimpole. In August 2016 an appeal for a lawful development certificate for a site in Willingham was allowed. At August 2016 there are three other pitches (on 2 sites) with temporary planning permission, which expire between 2017 and 2018. There is one pending application at Rampton (to make one existing temporary pitch permanent and add two additional pitches).  The Affordable Homes departmental risk register includes delivering HCA funded projects, to ensure the supply of Gypsy & Traveller pitches and sufficient investment in existing pitches.  The Local Plan examination hearing will address this issue and the Inspector's report will provide clarity on the appropriate policy for inclusion in the Local Plan.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS:  New applications – ongoing.  Local Plan due for completion 2017. Gypsy & Traveller Area Needs Assessment to be updated, led by Housing Directorate, for completion in Summer 2016.  Prepare appropriate evidence to the Local Plan examination and propose necessary

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STR19 – Demands on services from an ageing population (September 2011) The district's demography changes, with significant growth in the over 65 year old population, leading to additional demands on health and social care services, including to the Council's sheltered housing and benefits services, resulting in adverse impact on service standards; increased customer dissatisfaction with services; increased levels of social isolation.  Objectives, Actions: A I, A ii, A iii, A v, A vi, B i, B ii, C iv	Cllr Mark Howell Mike Hill / Stephen Hills	9	9	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Following "Ageing Well" workshops, Cabinet agreed an "Ageing Well" plan in July 2014 following a Joint Portfolio Holder Task & Finish Group. SCDC Housing leading on development of sub-regional Older People's Housing Strategy and refresh of County Older People Strategy. SCDC Housing staff contributing to Cambridgeshire Executive Partnership Board projects including Data Sharing, 7-Day Working, Person-Centre System, and Ageing Healthily & Prevention. Issue and impact discussed by Cabinet / EMT. Successful "Healthy New Towns" funding bid now being implemented to undertake research and project work into future housing needs in new communities, initial focus on Northstowe. NHS England now joined SCDC New Communities Project Board.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Take account of demographic change in the corporate and financial planning cycle. Redesign services to address demands.
STR20 – Partnership working with Cambridgeshire County Council (September 2011) The failure of partnership arrangements (e.g. health & wellbeing, economic development, transport, City Deal) with the County Council, leading to the needs of district residents and businesses not being adequately met or reflected in County Council resource allocation decisions, together with potential reputational impact, resulting in adverse effects on the district's residents and businesses.  Objectives, Actions: C i, C ii, C iii	Cllr Peter Topping Alex Colyer	9	9	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Active engagement of officers and Members in partnerships, to ensure the district's residents' and businesses' needs are articulated. Good relationships with County on: RECAP Waste Partnership (and with National Agencies), Children & Young People's Area Partnership, New Communities Project Board, Older People's Accommodation Strategy.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Progress being monitored via Corporate Plan. Dependent on the timeframe/milestones for each partnership.

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STR27 – Shared Services initiatives with other authorities (November 2014) Shared services initiatives are not completed in a timely fashion due to  inadequate stakeholder engagement, conflicting priorities, unavailability of key staff, or Councils not adapting how they work to new arrangements, leading to inadequate resources and support, inefficient practices and unreasonable expectations on shared-staff, resulting in a delay or failure in delivering the outputs, required additional income and savings targets, and associated benefits for the district's residents and businesses, including possible dilution in service levels initially.  A further risk is that established partnership delivers worse than before in terms of: outputs; cost of service; reputation (in particular among residents); lack of agreed objectives.  Objectives, Actions: D ii, D iii, D iv	Cllr Nick Wright Mike Hill	6	9	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Progress to be overseen by a joint steering group including Leaders and relevant portfolio holders. A Joint Committee has been established to oversee the delivery of shared services, to endorse shared business plans, to monitor performance and report through to Cabinet. For SCDC, reports to Cabinet in October 2014 (re ICT, Legal and Waste) November 2014 (re Building Control) and July 2015 (re Building Control, ICT and Legal). Strong programme and project management provided by an overall programme 3C Management Board comprising Directors from each authority, supported by the 3C Programme Manager, individual project boards of lead officers and relevant support services officers from each authority. Prioritisation of projects within workloads. Dedicated external resources obtained for each project, funded from Transformation Challenge Award grant, and additional resources allocated to ensure improved co-ordination and delivery. A dedicated risk register is overseen and monitored by the 3C Management Board and progress will be reported through Corporate Plan monitoring." Updated. Risk Control updated from "Progress to be overseen by a joint steering group including Leaders and relevant portfolio holders. A Joint Committee has been established to oversee the delivery of shared services, to endorse shared business plans, to monitor performance and report through to Cabinet.  Clear KPIs are in place to track performance on a regular basis. These are reviewed by the Shared Services Board in accordance with the governance set up.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS:  Work underway to align governance and financial management arrangements.
STR29 – Access to Primary Care in Growth Areas (May 2016) Failure of health partners to provide increased capacity for primary care and mental health services for new and expanding communities, leading to inability of residents to access quality local health care increasing pressure on existing services, increased public health costs through higher A&E admissions, increased direct costs for SCDC in reacting to the detrimental impacts of ill-health and inability to effectively achieve Corporate Plan Living Well outcomes resulting in reduced quality of life and increased health acute and chronic health conditions for residents in affected communities, reduced capacity by public health agencies to contain viral outbreaks and inability of SCDC to maintain viable service levels.  Objectives, Actions: Living Well: A(i) - A(vi) Homes for our Future: B(i)	Cllr Sue Ellington Mike Hill	9	9	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: Proactive negotiations with developers to ensure adequate health infrastructure provision in new communities within relevant legal agreements; Development Delivery Agreements in place/under negotiation to embed a partnership approach.  Ongoing participation in robust county health scrutiny and Local Health Partnership. Delivery of Corporate Plan Living Well objectives around ill-health prevention.  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS:

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STR02 – Consultation and Engagement (Previously Equalities; reviewed July 2016) The Council is successfully challenged over not complying with general equalities legislation or legislation specific to public and local authority bodies,  leading to decisions relating to service delivery being overturned and possible Commission for Human Rights and Equalities inspection,  resulting in delays to the implementation of new service proposals causing detriment to customer service, preventing the timely delivery of policy and financial objectives, reduction in reserves available to support balanced MTFS, adverse publicity and effect on reputation.  Objectives, Actions: All	Cllr Nick Wright Caroline Ryba	8	8	CONTROL MEASURES / SOURCES OF ASSURANCE: The Policy Development Officer (PDO)'s responsibilities include ensuring continuing compliance with our statutory Public Sector Equality Duty, delivery of the Equality Scheme 2015-2020 and a review of corporate consultation and engagement to ensure consistency and quality across all service areas. The Council has met its legal requirements to publish equality information and equality objectives on an annual basis. This information is incorporated into a new Equality Scheme 2015-2020, which was agreed by the Portfolio Holder in Autumn 2015. The Council has embedded equality monitoring arrangements whereby new and revised policies and service delivery proposals are subject to screening for their likely equality implications. Where appropriate, timescales are agreed for full subsequent assessment prior to adoption of the new proposals, or as part of implementation, monitoring and review arrangements. The PDO has begun to review the effectiveness of our current arrangements (see above).  TIMESCALE TO PROGRESS: Due for completion in November 2017he Policy Development Officer is leading a project to refresh the Council's Community Engagement Strategy and Toolkit to ensure the application of consistent best practice standards across the organisation. She has also prepared a biriefing paper for management team discussion to inform a review of the Council's Equality Scheme and associated Equality Impact Assessment Process. We intend to adopt a new scheme in March 2018.	
STR31 – Failure of Combined Authority to deliver Devolution effectively (September 2016) Change in local and national economic outlook and/or political priorities, ineffective governance and delivery structures and/or a lack of skills and capacity to deliver them, leading to: Real and perceived 'democratic deficit', lack of proper accountability, the diversion of human and financial resources away from SCDC strategic priorities and failure to deliver key service commitments within the Deal, resulting in inability of SCDC to deliver its Corporate Plan, financially unviable services, reputational damage for SCDC, wider loss of credibility for the Combined Authority and all partners within it, reducing the prospect of successful future devolution deals with government.	Cllr Peter Topping Alex Colyer	8	8	SCORES - IMPACT: 4; LIKELIHOOD: 2.  The risk is that the parties involved in setting up the combined authority don't move quickly enough or coherently enough, however, by this time the progress is as follows:  - Appointed Interim officers for the 3 key positions, adverts for permanent recruitment will go out on the day 1 of the Authority being set up;  - Advert for Combined Authority Chief Executive published;  - Agreed a draft staffing structure;  - A number of work streams are put together to work on objectives;  - A Work Plan is set up which captures all the details.	

Red / Amber / Green shading in the Actual Column indicates the following movement in risk scores:

	Red	Amber	Green
for risks previously above the line:	the score has increased	the score has not changed, or has decreased but stays above the line	the score has decreased to below the line
for risks previously below the line:	the score has increased to above the line	the score has increased but stays below the line	the score has not changed, or has decreased

#### Notes

- 1. The "Reference" is unique and retained by the risk throughout the period of its inclusion in the risk register.
- Risks are cross referenced to the relevant 2016/17 Objectives and Actions adopted by Council on 25 February 2016.
- 3. Criteria and guidelines for assessing 'Impact' and 'Likelihood' are shown below.
- 4. The "Actual" risk score is obtained by multiplying the Impact score by the Likelihood score.
- 5. The dotted line (-----) shows the Council's risk tolerance line.
- 6. The "Timescale to progress" is the date by which it is planned that the risk will be mitigated to below the line.

# ImpactLikelihood5 Extreme5 Almost certain4 High4 Likely3 Medium3 Possible2 Low2 Unlikely1 Insignificant1 Rare

#### **Direction of Travel**

Priority reduced from last review (give the previous Total score in the brackets)

Priority equal to last review

Priority increased from last review (give the previous Total score in the brackets)

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## Impact Giving rise to one or more of the following:

	Service disruption	People	Financial loss *	Environment	Statutory service/ legal obligations	Management	Reputation	Score
Extreme	Serious disruption to services (loss of services for more than 7 days)	Loss of life	Financial loss over £500k	Major regional / national environmental damage	Central government intervention; or Multiple civil or criminal suits	Could lead to resignation of Leader or Chief Executive	Extensive adverse coverage in national press and/or television	5
High	Major disruption to services (loss of services for up to 7 days)	Extensive multiple injuries	Financial loss between £251k - £500k	Major local environmental damage	Strong regulatory sanctions; or     Litigation	Could lead to resignation of Member or Executive Director	Adverse coverage in national press and/or television	4
Medium	Noticeable disruption to services (loss of services for up to 48 hours)	Serious injury (medical treatment required)	Financial loss between £51k - £250k	Moderate environmental damage	Regulatory sanctions, interventions, public interest reports; or     Litigation	Disciplinary / capability procedures invoked	Extensive adverse front page local press coverage	3
Low	Some disruption to internal services; no impact on customers	Minor injury (first aid)	Financial loss of between £6k - £50k	Minor environmental damage	Minor regulatory consequences; or     Litigation	Formal HR procedure invoked	Some local press coverage; or, adverse internal comment	2
Insignificant	Insignificant disruption to internal services; no impact on customers	No injuries	Financial loss of up to £5k	Insignificant environmental damage	No regulatory consequences; or     Litigation	Informal HR procedure invoked	No reputational damage	1

<sup>\*</sup> including claim or fine

## Likelihood

	Guidelines	Score
Almost certain	<ul> <li>Is expected to occur in most circumstances (more than 90%), or</li> <li>Could happen in the next year, or</li> <li>More than 90% likely to occur in the next 12 months</li> </ul>	5
Likely	Will probably occur at some time, or in some circumstances (66% - 90%), or Could happen in the next 2 years, or 66% to 90% likely to occur in the next 12 months	4
Possible	<ul> <li>Fairly likely to occur at some time, or in some circumstances (36% - 65%), or</li> <li>Could happen in the next 3 years, or</li> <li>36% to 65% likely to occur in the next 12 months</li> </ul>	3
Unlikely	<ul> <li>Is unlikely to occur, but could, at some time (11% - 35%), or</li> <li>Could happen in the next 10 years, or</li> <li>11% to 35% likely to occur in the next 12 months</li> </ul>	2
Rare	May only occur in exceptional circumstances (up to 10%), or     Unlikely to happen in the next 10 years, or     Up to 10% likely to occur in the next 12 months	