

Sustainability – Service Area Risk Register – March 2007

(Note: **Bold** text indicates that the risk has been assessed as being above the Council’s tolerance line on the prioritisation matrix and therefore needing further attention to manage the risk. Service managers need to prepare management action plans for these risks.)

No	Rating	Vulnerability	Trigger	Possible Consequences (including Reputation)
1	B2	Sustainable new communities: Insufficient resources and political/partnership capacity to maximise sustainability content of planning proposals for new growth area developments.	Member, officer and partnership priorities and resources not sufficiently aligned and geared up with the development process to pressure and challenge developers in securing real and binding commitments to include high baseline and exemplar sustainability measures across entire development sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council fails to secure the necessary residential, employment, social and other built infrastructure to create and advance genuinely sustainable communities and lifestyles. • Council fails to mitigate and appropriately manage at source the very real increased pressures that new built developments will otherwise place upon the local and global environments.
2	C2	Travel for Work: Insufficient priority given to aligning travel for work patterns with capacity of South Cambridgeshire Hall staff car parking capacity and ‘lone driver’ target level. Necessary actions not taken in response to pressure/demand for on-site car parking spaces.	‘Lone driver’ travel to work figure continues to fail to meet 49% target contained within Travel Plan approved as part of planning consent for the building. End of Staff Bus service in 2008 generates more ‘lone drivers’. At times of pressure on parking capacity (e.g. major member/public meetings) cars are parked around Hall outside of designated parking area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car park congestion with staff/members/public forced to park elsewhere on the Business Park – creating inconvenience and poor impression to public • Business Park administrators take action against Council and/or staff/members/public parking outside on-site designated area – e.g. clamping. Creating high profile inconvenience, possible punitive action against Council and poor publicity. • Council not seen to be taking appropriate leadership role in advancing sustainable travel practices (notably as local planning authority directly committing others to such measures through the determination of planning applications).

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3	C3	Sustainability: Not enough priority and ownership given across SCDC to clear actions and outcomes needed to mitigate unsustainable use of natural resources and climate change.	Service Units do not deliver on agreed actions in SCDC Climate Change Plan, in the light of limited resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability principles not adequately designed into service provision and delivery. Missed opportunities and failed expectations • If flooding/energy shortages happen in future (remember Boscastle), we will be brought to account: “why didn’t you do more?” • SCDC loses credibility amongst partners. SCDC sets a bad example for residents & local businesses. • SCDC fails to meet commitments as signatory to Nottingham Declaration. • Council scores ‘weak/poor’ in next CPA achieving corporate objectives. • Staff stress / disillusionment.

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