

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Strategic Risk Focus: SR15 Keeping children safe from harm and abuse; and SR17 School Places Planning</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>8 March 2016</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Acting Director, Finance &amp; Resources</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The Committee has a role to monitor the effectiveness of risk management and internal control. This includes oversight of the Strategic Risk Register which is set and reviewed every six months by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT). Each Strategic Risk is 'owned' by a member of ELT and has a risk management action plan to deliver action to address the risk.
- 1.2 The Committee has agreed a schedule in its annual Work Plan to focus on at least two strategic risks at each meeting, and asks Risk Owners to attend in order to more fully explore the details of actions to address each strategic risk.
- 1.3 This meeting will be attended by Pinaki Ghoshal, Executive Director Children's Services.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That Members note the information provided to address these strategic risks in Appendix 1, Strategic Risk Assessment Report.
- 2.2 That, having considered Appendix 1 and any clarification comments from the Risk Owner the Committee make any recommendations it consider appropriate to the relevant council body.

**3. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS**Financial Implications:

- 3.1 Each Strategic Risk MAP provides details of actions already in place ('Existing Controls') or work to be done as part of business or project plans ('the Solutions') to address each strategic risks. Potentially these may have significant financial implications for the authority either directly or indirectly.

The associated financial risks are considered during the Targeted Budget Management process, the development of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget strategies.

*Finance Officer Consulted: James Hengeveld*

*Date: 11/02/2016*

### Legal Implications

- 3.2 Members of the Committee are entitled to information, data and other evidence which enable them to reach an informed view as to whether the council's strategic risks are being adequately managed; and to make recommendations based on their conclusions.

*Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert*

*Date: 08/02/2016*

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Strategic Risk Assessment Report: SR15 and SR17.

### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. None.

### **Background Documents**

1. Strategic Risk Register 2015/16 – reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team September 2015.