Appendix 3 – Cherwell District and South Northants Councils – Latest Leadership Risk Register as at 15/08/2018

Level of risk	How the risk should be managed
High Risk (16-25)	Requires active management to manage down and maintain the exposure at an acceptable level. Escalate upwards.
Medium Risk (10 -15)	Contingency Plans - a robust contingency plan may suffice together with early warning mechanisms to detect any deviation from the profile.
Low Risk (1 – 9)	Good Housekeeping - may require some risk mitigation to reduce the likelihood if this can be done cost effectively, but good housekeeping to ensure that the impact remains low should be adequate. Re-assess frequently to ensure conditions remain the same.

	Risk Scorecard – Residual Risks															
			Probability													
		1 - Remote	2 - Unlikely	3 - Possible	4 - Probable	5 - Highly Probable										
	5 - Catastrophic															
	4 - Major		L04, L11		L05											
pact	3 - Moderate			L01, L02, L03, L10, L12,	L06, L07, L08	L09, L13a, L13b										
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_	2 - Minor															
	1 - Insignificant															

	Risk Definition
Leadership	Strategic risks that are significant in size and duration, and will impact on the reputation and performance of the Council as a whole, and in particular, on its ability to deliver on its corporate priorities
Operational	Risks to systems or processes that underpin the organisation's governance, operation and ability to deliver services

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Financial resilience — Failure to react to external financial shocks new policy and increase service demand. Poor investment and asset management decisions.		4	4	16	Medium Term Revenue Plan reported regularly to members.  Efficiency plan in place and balanced medium term  Highly professional, competent, qualified staff  Good networks established locally, regionally and nationally  National guidance interpreting legislation available and used regularly  Members aware and are briefed regularly  Participate in Northamptonshire Finance Officers and Oxfordshire Treasurers'  Association's work streams  Programme management approach being taken  Treasury management policies in place  Investment strategies in place  Regular financial and performance monitoring in place	Fully  Fully  Partially  Fully  Partially  Partially  Fully  Partially  Fully  Partially	Councillor Tony Illot Councillor Peter Rawlinson	Adele Taylor	Kelly Watson	3	3	9		AD Finance and Performance recruited. Overall Finance and Procurement resource being reviewed. Investment strategy approach agreed for 18/19 and all potential investments to now be taken through the working groups prior to formal sign off. Robust review and challenge of our investment options to be regularly undertaken through our usual monitoring processes.  Timeliness and quality of budget monitoring particularly property income and capital to be improved. Project with Civica is ongoing.  Asset Management Strategy to be reviewed and refreshed in the new year.  Review of BUILD! to ensure procurement and capital monitoring arrangements are in place and development of forward programme.  Finance support and engagement with programme management processes being established. Integration and development of Performance, Finance and Risk reporting during 18/19.  Regular involvement and engagement with senior management across Counties as well as involvement in Regional and National finance forums.  Regular member meetings, training and support in place and regularly reviewed.  Financial support and capacity being developed during 18/19		10/08/18 - Reviewed and no changes
LO2 Statutory functions – Failure to meet statutor	Legal challenge				Independent third party advisers in place  Regular bulletins and advice received from advisers  Property portfolio income monitored through financial management arrangements on a regular basis Asset Management Strategy in place and embedded.  Transformation Programme in place to deliver efficiencies and increased income in the future  Embedded system of legislation and policy tracking In place, with clear accountabilities, reviewed regularly by Directors	Partially  Partially  in  Partially							Internal Audiots and Capacity Being developed during 18/19 through development programme.  Regular utilisation of advisors.  Internal Audits being undertaken for core financial activity and capital.  Establish corporate repository and accountability for policy/legislative changes	Service risk registers being reviewed as part of service planning.	Risk reviewed 15/08/18	
	Loss of opportunity to influence national policy/legislation  Financial penalties  Reduced service to customers	3	4		accountabilities, reviewed regularly by Directors  Clear accountability for responding to consultations with defined process to ensure  Member engagement  National guidance interpreting legislation available and used regularly  Risks and issues associated with Statutory functions incorporated into Directorate Risk Registers and regularly reviewed  Clear accountability for horizon scanning, risk identification/categorisation/escalation and policy interpretation in place  Robust Committee forward plans to allow member oversight of policy issues and risk management, including Scrutiny and Audit  Internal Audit Plan risk based to provide necessary assurances  Strong networks established locally, regionally and nationally to ensure influence on policy issues  Senior Members aware and briefed regularly in 1:1s by Directors  Use of interims / fixed term and project roles to support senior capacity as required.	Partially  Fully  Fully  Partially  Partially  Partially  Partially  Fully  Partially	Councillor Barry Wood Councillor Ian McCord	Yvonne Rees	Claire Taylor	3	3	9	$\leftrightarrow$	Review Directorate/Service risk registers  Ensure Committee forward plans are reviewed regularly by senior officers  Ensure Internal Audit plan focusses on key leadership risks  Develop stakeholder map, with Director responsibility allocated for managing key relationships  Standardise agendas for Director/PFH 1:1s  New NPPF published 05/03/18 will guide revised approach to planning policy and development management.  Allocate specific resource to support new projects/policies or statutory requirements e.g. GDPR  Risk review underway to consider the impact of local government	Internal Audit Plan aligned to Leadership Risi Register and agreed at Audit Committees in March.	sk
Lack of Management Capacity - Increased workload relating to loca government reorganisation and changes to joint working between SNC and CDC impact on the capacity of management.		3	4	12	Arrangements in place to source appropriate interim resource if needed  Delegations to Chief Exec agreed to ensure timely decisions  HR/Specialist resource in place to support recruitment process and manage implications  Ongoing programme of internal communication	Fully Fully Fully Fully Fully	Councillor Barry Wood Councillor Ian McCord	Yvonne Rees	Claire Taylor	3	3	9		risk review underway to consider the impact of local government reorganisation and changes to joint working arrangements between CDC and SNC. Measures will be developed as the project plans for re-organisation and the cessation of joint working. Project planning for separation to be completed by September 2018.  AD HR/OD briefed and leading the process  Communications to be delivered by CEO	permanent or interim (pending permanent)	change

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CDC & SNC Local Plan Failure to ensure sour local plans are submit on time for each Distr	nd ted				Local Development Schemes are in place at each Council which detail the timeframes and deliverables to underpin the work  Fully  Resources are in place to support delivery including QC support for each Local Plan.	Fully	Councillor Colin Clarke Councillor Roger	Adrian Colwel	Andy Darcy (SNC) David Peckford				$\leftrightarrow$	Regular review meetings on progress and critical path review at each Council  Regular Portfolio briefings and political review	Examination of the Partial Review. Preparation work continues to prepare for the Examination with Topic Papers. Initial work on Oxfordshire Joint Spatial Plan has commenced with workshop held in Didcot on 25th April 2018 to review key issues.  • SNC – Joint Core Strategy Review has commenced with preparation of proposed	Risk reviewe 30/07/18 - N change
	Negative impact on each council's ability to deliver its strategic objectives Increased costs in planning appeals Possible financial penalties through not delivering forecasted New Homes Bonus		5	15	For issues which are solely within the control of SNC or CDC policies, plans and resources are in place Work is at Reg 19 on Cherwell Partial Review, preparing submission plan for Feb 2018 sign off and to re-commence in 2018 on Local Plan part 2 Work is advancing to Reg 19 stage On South Northants Local Plan part 2 on issues for reps. policies and development control policies. Statements of Community Involvement are in place.	Partially  Fully  Fully	Clarke		(CDC)	2	4	8		LDS updated as required  Additional evidence commissioned as required  Need to review resources at CDC to speed up Local Plan part 2.  Submission of the CDC partial review took place on 05/03/18.	timetable, resources and scope underway. Work has commenced with Milton Keynes and Aylesbury for new Joint Spatial Framework to address impact of proposed growth of Milton Keynes on its neighbours. Next stage of Local Plan part 2 will be focused technical consultation on Local Green Space designations from Council meeting in May 2018, followed by Reg 19 ful draft Local Plan consultation due to commence in July 2018. Aim remains to submit in December 2018.	11
Business Continuity - Failure to ensure that critical services can be maintained in the eve of an incident	Financial loss	4	4	16	Business continuity strategy in place  Services prioritised and recovery plans reflect the requirements of critical services  ICT disaster recovery arrangements in place  Incident management team identified in Business Continuity Strategy  All services undertake annual business impact assessments and update plans	Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially	Councillor Dermot Bambridge Councillor Andrew McHugh		Richard Web	0 4	4	16	$\leftrightarrow$	All individual service BC Plans recently updated  Corporate BC Plan to be reviewed  Testing to be programmed  BC solutions between both councils to be further developed  Corporate ownership and governance to sit at senior officer level  Draft Business Continuity Strategy and Policy completed to report and sign off at future senior officer meetings	There has been some delay in updating the business continuity plans owing to the departure of the Emergency Planning Officer. Additional resource has been identified and a plan has been developed to work with service teams to update their business continuity plans. The Leadership Team have recently agreed this plan and timescales for this work are now set for September and October. An officer Steering Gp has been established to oversee this work.	
Partnering - Financial failure of a public sector partner organisation Failure to build the necessary partnership relationships to delive our strategic plan.	Poor service delivery  Inability to deliver council's plans and outcomes for communities	4	4	16	Robust governance/contract management framework in place for key third party relationships  Robust governance/contract management framework in place for key third party relationships  Training and development of senior officers/members to fulfil their responsibilities with partner organisations  Leader and CEO engaging at National and county level to mitigate impacts of	Partially Partially Partially	Councillor Barry Wood	Jane Carr	Nicola Riley	4	3	12	$\leftrightarrow$	Review existing arrangements/ contracts to ensure appropriate governance  Standard agenda item at senior officer meetings  Continue Institute of Directors training for Officers and Members	Third party governance review underway. Cllr and Officer appointments to Council owned companies to be reviewed.  Impact of potential NCC cuts on this risk to	Risk reviev 15/08/18
Failure to ensure the necessary governance third party relationsh (council businesses, partners, suppliers)  Emergency Planning Failure to ensure that local authority has pla	Inability to partner in the future  Reduced opportunity for inward investment in the future  (EP) Inability of council to respond effectively to an emergency the				potential service reductions for residents Regular review and sharing of partnership activity/engagement at senior officer meetings  Key contact lists updated monthly.	Partially Partially Fully	Councillor Ian McCord						, ,	Director for Environment is reviewing the Emergency Planning arrangements and forming relationships with key partners.	Both authorities have active plans in place to ensure they are prepared for an emergency. These have recently been activated	
in place to respond appropriately to a civi emergency fulfilling it duty as a category on responder	Unnecessary hardship to residents and/or communities  I  Risk to human welfare and the environment	4	4	16	Dedicated Emergency Planning Officer in post to review, test and exercise plan and to establish, monitor and ensure all elements are covered Added resilience from cover between shared Public Protection Team as officers with appropriate skill Senior management attend Civil Emergency training  Twice yearly mock emergency exercises conducted to ensure readiness  On-call rota established for Duty Emergency Response Co- coordinators  Full participation in LRF activities	Partially  Fully  Fully  Fully  Fully  Fully	Councillor Dermot Bambridge Councillor Andrew McHughy	Graeme Kane	Graeme Kand	3	4	12	$\leftrightarrow$	Both Councils have cover arrangements in place to account for the vacancy in the Emergency Planning post.  New call out arrangements have been established.  Training for senior officers was completed in June; further training has been offered for September.  Senior managers have attended multi-agency exercises.  Through the Inter Agency Group, plans were implemented successfully for F1 and are in place for Moto GP in August.  Both authorities are represented at the Local Resilience Forum	successfully. Further improvements are being made as a result of a review of these plans. Options are being explored to fill the vacant Emergency Planning post.	actions updated.

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- h le H c	ealth and safety Failure to comply with ealth and safety gislation, corporate & Spolicies and orporate H&S landlord esponsibilities	Fatality, serious injury & ill health to employees or members of the public Criminal prosecution for failings  Financial loss due to compensation claims  Enforcement action – cost of regulator (HSE) time  Increased sickness absence  Increased agency costs  Reduction in capacity impacts service delivery	5	4	20	Corporate H&S Manager & H&S Officer in post to formalise the H&S Management System & provide competent H&S advice & assistance to managers & employees  Proactive monitoring of Health & Safety performance management internally  Proactive monitoring of Health & Safety performance management externally  Effective induction and training regime in place for all staff  Positive Health & Safety risk aware culture  Corporate Health & Safety meeting structure in place for co-ordination and consultation  Corporate body & Member overview of Health & Safety performance via appropriate committee  Assurance that third party organisations subscribe to and follow Council Health &	Partially  Not effective  Fully  Partially  Fully  Partially  Partially  Fully  Fully	Councillor Lynn Pratt Councillor Peter Rawlinson	Adele Taylor	Mark Willis	4	3	12	$\leftrightarrow$	rias team also conduct reviews internally deross an services and	Senior Officer Meeting receives quarterly updates from Corporate H&S Manager. Relevant updates taken to appropriate committee.	09/08/18 Comments updated
is w h b ir a o ti b	yber Security - If there insufficient security iith regards to the data eld and IT systems used y the councils and sufficient protection gainst malicious attacks in council's systems then receive is a risk of: a data reach, a loss of service, yber-ransom.	Service disruption  Financial loss / fine  Prosecution – penalties imposed  Individuals could be placed at risk of harm  Reduced capability to deliver customer facing services  Unlawful disclosure of sensitive information  Inability to share services or work with partners  Loss of reputation	4	5	20	File and Data encryption on computer devices  Managing access permissions and privileged users through AD and individual applications  Consistent approach to information and data management and security across the councils  Effective information management and security training and awareness programme for staff  Password security controls in place  Robust information and data related incident management procedures in place  Appropriate robust contractual arrangements in place with all third parties that supply systems or data processing services  Appropriate plans in place to ensure ongoing PSN compliance  Adequate preventative measures in place to mitigate insider threat, including physical and system security  Insider threat mitigated through recruitment and line management processes	Partially  Fully  Partially  Partially  Partially  Partially  Partially  Fully  Partially  Partially	Councillor Ian Corkin Councillor Phil Bignell	Claire Taylor	Tim Spiers	3	5	15	$\leftrightarrow$	findings ahead of full review.	Cyber security incidents are inevitable. The only way to manage this risk is to have effective controls and mitigations in place including audit and review. Staff and member briefings covered phishing March 2018. We are now discussing wider awareness raising with Communications Team.	Risk reviewed 10/08/18 - Mitigating Actions and Comments Updated
v c fr p s a r: ti	afeguarding the ulnerable (adults and hildren) - Failure to billow our policies and rocedures in relation to afeguarding vulnerable dults and children or aising concerns about heir welfare	Increased harm and distress caused to vulnerable individuals and their families Council could face criminal prosecution Criminal investigations potentially compromised Potential financial liability if council deemed to be negligent	3	4	12	Safeguarding lead in place and clear lines of responsibility established  Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place Information on the intranet on how to escalate a concern  Staff training - new whole staff shared approach being launched last year and mandatory training introduced  Safer recruitment practices and DBS checks for staff with direct contact  Action plan developed by CSE Prevention group as part of the Community Safety	Fully Fully Partially Partially Partially Partially Fully Fully Fully Fully Fully Fully	Councillor Barry Wood Councillor Ian McCord	Jane Carr	Nicola Riley	2	4	8			Continued focus in this area with ongoing programme of training and awareness raising.	06/08/18 - No change
ti	come Generation nrough council owned ompanies	Through failure of governance or robust financial / business planning the councils fail to generate expected income.	3	4	12	Financial planning  Corporate governance mechanisms	Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially	Councillor Tony Illot Councillor Peter Rawlinson	Adele Taylor	Kelly Watson	2	4	8	$\leftrightarrow$		Resources in place. Relevant training being provided to support resource provision.	Risk reviewed 10/08/18 - No further changes

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L12	Financial sustainability of third party suppliers	The financial failure of a third party supplier results in the inability or reduced ability to deliver a service to customers.	3	4	12	Contracts in place to cover default.  Business continuity planning	Partially Partially	Councillor Tony Illot Councillor Peter Rawlinson	Adele Taylor	Kelly Watsor	2	4	8	$\leftrightarrow$	Meetings planned with suppliers to review higher risk areas.	Risk recently escalated due to external environment whereby suppliers have financial difficulties which could result in loss of service. Meeting held with supplier of main Revs & Bens and other systems (Capita) to review recent share issue and potential financial mitigate their financial risks concerns. Reassurance given by suppliers about the proactive action being taken. Awaiting detailed letter with actions Capita taken to mitigate their financial risks Current work investigating impact across other contracts.	
L13a	Local Government Reorganisation CDC - Proposals for local government reorganisation impacts on the provision of services to residents and communities.	Inability to deliver Council priorities and plans, impacting on quality of services delivered to residents and communities.  Potential impact of CDC/SNC separation on quality of services delivered to residents and communities.	5	4	20	Leader and CEO engaging at national and county level to define steps and mitigate impacts of potential service reductions for residents.  Planning for the impact of separation of joint working arrangements between CDC ad SNC is underway.  Strategic partnership opportunities with Oxfordshire County Council being explored with Joint Chief Executive in place by 1st October.  Regular review and sharing of partnership activity/engagement at senior officer meetings		Councillor Barry Wood	Yvonne Rees	Claire Taylor	5	3	15	$\leftrightarrow$	Standing item at senior officer meetings - regular review of risk and control measures.  Legal advice sought with regards to the employment implications of re-organisation and separation proposals.	Formal decision taken in July to end CDC/SNC partnership. Plan for separation currently being developed. Risk will be fundamentally reviewed in light of the plan and the appointment of a Joint Chief Executive with Oxfordshire County Council effective from 1st October.	Risk reviewed and updated 15/08/18
L13b	Local Government Reorganisation SNC - Proposals for local government reorganisation impacts on the provision of services to residents and communities.	Inability to deliver Council priorities and plans, impacting on quality of services delivered to residents and communities.  Potential reduction in service areas funded by the County Council resulting in an unplanned increase in demand on district functions leading to service difficulties.  Threat to existing joint working partnership initiatives if alternative delivery modes are imposed.  Potential impact of CDC/SNC separation on quality of services delivered to residents and communities.	5	4	20	Leader and CEO engaging at national and county level to mitigate impacts of potential service reductions for residents.  Planning for the impact of separation of joint working arrangements between CDC ad SNC is underway. Additional senior leadership resources are planned for SNC.  Interim Head of Paid Service appointed for SNC to start on 1st October.  Regular review and sharing of partnership activity/engagement at senior officer meetings	Partially Partially Partially Partially	Councillor Ian McCord	Yvonne Rees	Claire Taylor	5	3	15	$\leftrightarrow$	Standing item at senior officer meetings - regular review of risk and control measures.  Legal advice sought with regards to the employment implications of re-organisation and separation proposals.  Additional communications resources have been put into place t support the agenda.	Formal decision taken in July to end CDC/SNC partnership. Plan for separation currently being developed. Risk will be fundamentally reviewed in light of the plan.	Risk reviewed and updated 15/08/18
L14	Corporate Governance - Failure of corporate governance leads to negative impact on service delivery or the implementation of major projects providing value to customers.	Threat to service delivery and performance if good management practices and controls are not adhered to. Risk of ultra vires activity or lack of legal compliance Risk of fraud or corruption Risk to financial sustainability if lack of governance results in poor investment decisions or budgetary control. Failure of corporate governance in terms of major projects, budgets or council owned companies impacts upon financial sustainability of the councils.	4	4	16	ethical walls policy etc. Clear accountability and resource for corporate governance (including the shareholder role). Integrated budget, performance and risk reporting framework.	Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially Partially	Councillor Barry Wood Councillor Ian McCord	Adele Taylor	James Doble	3	3	9	$\leftrightarrow$	Standing item at senior officer meetings – regular review of risk and control measures Review of constitution to take place 2018/19  Implementation of corporate programme office – May 2018  Full review of HR policy to be undertaken during 2018/19  Monitoring Officer to attend management team meetings	Risk added to register following senior management discussion.	09/08/18 - No change