

## Appendix 7 – Leadership Risk Register as at 29/07/2025

Level of risk	How the risk should be managed
<b>High Risk</b> (16-25)	<b>Requires active management</b> to manage down and maintain the exposure at an acceptable level. Escalate upwards.
<b>Medium Risk</b> (10 -15)	<b>Contingency Plans</b> - a robust contingency plan may suffice together with early warning mechanisms to detect any deviation from the profile.
<b>Low Risk</b> (1 – 9)	<b>Good Housekeeping</b> - 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
Impact	5 - Catastrophic			L10		
	4 - Major		L08-L11	L03-L09-L13-L14-L16	L01-L05	
	3 - Moderate		L06-L07-L12	L02-L15	L17	L04
	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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<b>L01 - Financial resilience</b> – Failure to plan for and/or react to external financial impacts, new policy and increased service demand. Poor investment and asset management decisions.	Reduced medium and long term financial viability	4	4	16	Medium Term Revenue Plan updated and reported regularly to members.	Fully	Councillor L.McLean	Michael Furness	Joanne Kaye	4	4	16	↔	This continuous process will include reviewing budget monitoring, active budget management, and reflection of economic and Local Government sector trends in the MTFS. Wherever possible, policy decisions impacting on the MTFS will be taken as soon as possible, rather than waiting until the February Council meeting which sets the annual budget. This will allow officers to be ready to implement, or have implemented, policy decisions which will maximise positive impacts on the budget.	Full risk review carried out, controls and mitigating actions updated	Risk reviewed on 02/05/2025
	Reduction in services to customers				Planning for balanced medium term and dynamic ability to prioritise resources.	Fully								The budget for 2025/26 was agreed with savings proposals identified to contribute to addressing forecast reductions in funding. Close monitoring of the delivery of the savings programme will take place throughout 2025/26 with mitigations required if slippage is identified. The budget and transformation process for 2026/27 will begin in May 2025 and will involve a robust review of current budgets, how those link to activity supporting the corporate priorities, and services level options to allow for prioritisation of resources.		
	Increased volatility and inability to manage and respond to changes in funding levels				Finance team made up of highly professional, competent, qualified staff.	Partially								Integration and continued development of Performance, Finance and Risk reporting.		
	Reduced financial returns (or losses) on investments/assets such as in subsidiaries.				Good networks established locally, regionally and nationally to ensure officer are aware of developments across the sector which could impact on the council.	Fully								Internal Audits being undertaken for core financial activity and capital as well as service activity.		
	Inability to deliver financial efficiencies.				Strong shareholder function and relationships with subsidiaries to manage investment risk.	Fully								Introduction and implementation of an Asset Management Strategy.		
	Exposure to commercial pressures in relation to regeneration projects.				To be prudent, financial returns from the subsidiaries are not included in the MTFS until they are reasonably assured to materialise.	Partially								Capital & Investment Strategy agreed annually.		
	Poor customer service and satisfaction.				National guidance interpreting legislation available and used regularly.	Fully								Posts are filled by appropriately qualified individuals.		
	Increased complexity in governance arrangements.				Progress regeneration plans in a coordinated manner. Participate in Oxfordshire Treasurers' Association's work streams.	Fully								Regular involvement and engagement with colleagues across the county and nationally. The potential for local government reorganisation (develotion/unitarisation) has been noted but as yet the potential impact on the council is unknown. Officers will continue to monitor the discussions at local and national levels.		
	Lack of officer capacity to meet service demand.				Review of best practice guidance from bodies such as CIPFA, LGA, SDCT, DCN and NAO.	Fully								Regular member training and support.		
	Lack of financial awareness and understanding throughout the council.				Treasury management and capital & Investment strategies in place and updated at least annually. Regular financial and performance monitoring in place.	Fully								Regular utilisation of advisors as appropriate.		
	Increased inflation in the costs of capital schemes.				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.	Fully								Summarise and distribute announcements to CLT and members.		
	Increased inflation in revenue costs.				Asset Management Strategy in place and embedded.	Fully								Timely and good quality budget management reports, particularly property income and capital.		
					Transformation Programme in place to deliver efficiencies, prioritise resources, link to strategic priorities and increased income in the future.	Partially								Work is underway to maximise the impact of the available space in Banbury town centre.		

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<b>L02 - Statutory functions –</b> Failure to meet statutory obligations and policy and legislative changes are not anticipated or planned for.	Legal challenge	3	4	12	Embedded system of legislation and policy tracking In place, with clear accountabilities, reviewed regularly by Directors.	Partially	Councillor Brant	Stephen Hinds	Shiraz Sheikh	3	3	9	↔	Ensure Committee forward plans are reviewed regularly by senior officers.	No changes in latest review	Risk reviewed on 28/07/2025
	Loss of opportunity to influence national policy / legislation				Clear accountability for responding to consultations with defined process to ensure Member engagement	Fully								Ensure Internal Audit plan focusses on key leadership risks.		
	Financial penalties				National guidance interpreting legislation available and used regularly	Fully								Senior Officers are aware of key policy/legislative changes taking into consideration all of the Council's functions and duties arising as a result.		
	Reduced service to customers				Risks and issues associated with Statutory functions incorporated into Directorate Risk Registers and regularly reviewed.	Fully								External support secured for key corporate projects including Growth Deal and IT Transformation Programme.		
	Inability to deliver council's plans				Clear accountability for horizon scanning, risk identification / categorisation / escalation and policy interpretation in place	Partially								Learning and development opportunities identified and promoted by the Chief Executive and Directors. Staff briefings on rules and procedures by MO		
	Exposure to commercial pressures				Robust Committee forward plans to allow member oversight of policy issues and risk management, including Scrutiny and Audit	Fully										
	Reduced resilience and business continuity				Internal Audit Plan risk based to provide necessary assurances	Fully								Review Directorate/Service risk registers.		
	Reduced staff morale, increased workload and uncertainty may lead to loss of good people				Strong networks established locally, regionally and nationally to ensure influence on policy issues. In addition two Directors hold leading national roles	Fully								Ensure Committee forward plans are reviewed regularly by senior officers.		
					Senior Members aware and briefed regularly in 1:1s by Directors	Fully								Ensure Internal Audit plan focusses on key leadership risks.		
					Arrangements in place to source appropriate interim resource if needed	Partially								Establish corporate repository and accountability for policy/legislative changes taking into consideration all of the Council's functions.		
					Ongoing programme of internal communication	Fully								Project Management Methodology to be established with appropriate oversight. Programme Office with the appropriate capabilities to monitor deliver projects.		
					Programme Boards in place to oversee key corporate projects and ensure resources are allocated as required.	Partially										
					Extended Leadership Team (ELT) Meetings established to oversee and provide assurance on key organisational matters including resourcing.	Fully										
														Review Directorate/Service risk registers.		
<b>L03 - CDC Local Plan</b> - Failure to have an up to date Local Plan could result in poor planning decisions such as development in inappropriate locations. It could also make it more difficult to demonstrate an adequate supply of land for housing which could lead to more planning by appeal and decisions that are contrary to the Council's wishes. The Plan requires approval by Council to be submitted for Examination.	Poor planning decisions leading to inappropriate growth in inappropriate place.	4	4	16	The statutory Local Development Scheme (LDS) is actively managed and reviewed, built into Service Plan, and integral to staff appraisals of all those significantly involved in Plan preparation and review	Partially	Councillor J. Conway	Ian Boll	David Peckford	3	4	12	↔	Annual (Authority) Monitoring Reports presented to the Executive on plan making and policy effectiveness.	The draft submission Local Plan (Reg.22) was approved by the Council's Executive on 1 July 2025. An updated Local Development Scheme was also approved. The Local Plan is scheduled to be presented to Council on 21 July. Upon approval, the Plan would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent Examination.	Risk reviewed on 11/07/25
	Failure to have up to date policies that meet the District's requirements.				Team capacity and capability kept under continual review with gaps and pressures identified and managed at the earliest opportunity.	Partially								An updated LDS presented to the Executive when there is a significant change in the circumstances for the Local Plan timetable.		
	Negative impact on the council's ability to deliver its strategic objectives, including for minimising carbon emissions.													Programme built into Directorate level objectives (e.g. via Service Plans) and staff appraisals; on-going preparation of the Local Plan is a service priority.		
	A higher number of planning appeals with associated increased costs													Project management of the Local Plan process continues.		
	Reputational damage with our local communities through not having up to date policies to meet needs and protect the environment				On-going review of planning appeal decisions to assess robustness and relevance of Local Plan policies	Partially								Regular Corporate Director, Portfolio Holder and Members Advisory Group briefings		
	Reputational damage with investor community of Cherwell as a good place to do business created by uncertainty/lack of policy clarity.				Regular Councillor briefings to ensure all timescale requirements are understood. Ensuring that staff and consultancy resourcing is maintained	Partially								Continuance of internal Members' Advisory Group meetings.		
	Failure to submit Plan for Examination would mean that the Council would need to prepare a Local Plan under a new plan-making system on which further Gov't guidance is awaited. This would significantly delay having a new, up-to-date Plan.				Political consensus - building	Partially								Political consensus building through Chief Executive briefings and the Local Plan's Members Advisory Group.		
<b>L04 - Five Year Housing Land Supply</b> - Failure to maintain a five year housing land supply provides more opportunity for unplanned housing developments to receive planning permission	More housing development in locations not preferred by the Council and in potentially less sustainable locations with more environmental impact.	4	4	16	A new Local Plan provides the opportunity to review the allocation of land for housing. Planning decisions are taken in the context of the five year housing land supply position and are a means by which additional housing can be approved for delivery within a five year period. Housing land supply is reviewed on at least an annual basis. An action plan can be prepared to identify measures to help facilitate the delivery of approved housing. The rate of housing delivery is ultimately a matter for the developer.	Partially	Councillor J. Conway	Ian Boll	David Peckford	5	3	15	↔	Regular monitoring and review  Preparation & adoption of a new Local Plan  Regular Briefings for the Chair of Planning Committee and the Portfolio Holder.  Member awareness of the implications of not having a five year land supply  Preparation of an Action Plan	The 2024 Annual Monitoring Report was approved by the Council's Executive in February 2025 and included a review of the district's housing land supply position. It was resolved to prepare a Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP). An HDAP was considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 3 June and approved by the Executive on 10 June.	Risk reviewed 11/07/25

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<b>L05 - Planning Applications for Major Development</b> - The need to reduce the percentage of planning decisions for major development overturned at appeal	Over the period April 2022 to March 2024, and allowing for appeal decisions to December 2024, 10.4% of decisions on major applications were overturned at appeal (12 out of 115 decisions). Consequently, the Council has been under ministerial review for potential designation for the quality of its decisions on applications for major development.	5	4	20	A review of the Council's decision making processes by the Planning Advisory Service.  Entering into an improvement plan to address issues identified in the review.  Ensuring full, timely and successful implementation of the improvement plan.	Fully	Councillor J. Conway	Ian Boll	David Peckford	4	4	16	↔	Discussion with the Planning Advisory Service about the review of decision-making  Corporate oversight	On 29 May 2025 a review of the Council's decision making processes for major developments was undertaken by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS). A draft report was received. The final report of it's findings is awaited.  Officers will continue to pursue a reduction in the number of decisions on major developments overturned at appeal through improvement work.	Risk reviewed 11/07/25
<b>L06 - Business Continuity</b> - Failure to ensure that critical services can be maintained in the event of a short or long term incident impacting on the delivery of the Council's operation	Inability to deliver critical services to customers/residents  Financial loss/ increased costs  Loss of important data  Inability to recover sufficiently to restore non-critical services before they become critical  Loss of reputation  Reduced service delivery capacity in medium term due to recovery activity	4	4	16	Business continuity strategy, statement of intent and framework in place and all arrangements overseen by a Business Continuity Steering Group  Services prioritised and ICT recovery plans reflect those priorities and the requirements of critical services  ICT disaster recovery arrangements in place with data centre and cloud services reducing likelihood of ICT loss and data loss  Incident management team identified in Business Continuity Framework  All services undertake annual business impact assessments and updates of business continuity plans  Cross-council Business Continuity Steering Group meets regularly to identify Business Continuity improvements needed	Fully  Fully  Fully  Fully  Partially  Partially	Councillor R. Parkinson	Ian Boll	Tim Hughes	2	3	6	↔	BCSG meeting routinely and corporate refresh across all areas completed. BC programme is in place and timescales for review/update/test are being followed.  BC Impact Assessments and BCPs being updated and reviewed by Emergency Planning Team with supporting document management system having been implemented. Business Continuity Statement of Intent and Framework reviewed and updated to align with new incident management framework Cross-council BC Steering Group meets regularly to identify BC improvements needed; BC Steering Group engagement is being achieved across all service areas. Plans tested and annual cycle clearly sets out the test/review/improve process and expectations	Full risk review carried out. Mitigating actions updated.	Risk reviewed on 29/07/2025
<b>L07 - Emergency Planning (EP)</b> - Failure to ensure that the local authority has plans in place to respond appropriately to a civil emergency fulfilling its duty as a category one responder	Inability of council to respond effectively to an emergency  Unnecessary hardship to residents and/or communities  Risk to human welfare and the environment  Legal challenge  Potential financial loss through compensation claims  Ineffective Cat 1 partnership relationships   Reputational damage	4	4	16	Incident Management Framework in place and key contact lists updated monthly.  Emergency Planning Lead Officer defined with responsibility to review, test and exercise plan and to establish, monitor and ensure all elements are covered  Expert advice and support provided by Oxfordshire County Council's Emergency Planning Team under partnership arrangements.  Council Duty Directors attend training relating to role prior to joining duty director rota and have refresh training annually  CEx and Corporate Directors have received Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) Training.  Multi agency emergency exercises conducted to ensure readiness  Active participation in Local Resilience Forum (LRF) activities  On-call rota being maintained and updated to reflect recent staffing changes	Fully  Fully  Fully  Fully  Partially  Fully   Fully	Councillor R. Parkinson	Ian Boll	Tim Hughes	2	3	6	↔	IMF reviewed and updated. Training schedule in place and being delivered including training for new ADs/CEX and refresh for existing duty directors. Emergency plan contacts list updated monthly and reissued to all duty directors periodically. Available on ELT Teams channel.  Supporting officers for incident response reviewed and identified across some areas, to ensure they are reviewed and updated across all service areas.	OCC Joint resilience Team arrangements to be continued into 25/26	Risk reviewed on 25/07/2025

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<b>L08 - Safeguarding the Vulnerable – Operational and partnership actions-</b> Failure to work effectively with partners to identify and protect vulnerable people in the district and disrupt exploitation leaving vulnerable people at risk or subject to exploitation.	Increased harm and distress caused to vulnerable individuals and their families.	4	4	16	Continue in linking in with Oxfordshire partnerships protocol review to ensure outcomes relevant to CDC are understood and implemented as necessary	Partially	Councillor R. Parkinson	Ian Boll	Tim Hughes	2	4	8	↔	Continue in linking in with Safer Oxfordshire partnership and contributing towards partnership activity to ensure safeguarding responsibilities are met.	Full risk review carried out. Risk controls updated	Risk reviewed on 25/07/2025
	Council subject to external reviews	Exploitation concerns and actions discussed routinely at Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination meetings on a monthly basis	Fully		Exploitation concerns and actions discussed routinely at Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination meetings on a monthly basis											
	Criminal investigations potentially compromised															
	Potential financial liability if council deemed to be negligent.															
	Reputational damage to the council.															
<b>L09 - Health and safety</b> Failure to ensure effective arrangements are in place for Health and Safety.	Unsafe services leading to fatality, serious injury & ill health to employees, service users or members of the public	5	4	20	Corporate H&S governance arrangements and policies are regularly reviewed and updated by the Corporate H&S Team and monitored by the H&S Assurance Board.	Fully	Councillor C. Brant	Claire Cox	Ruth Wooldridge	3	4	12	↔	Corporate H&S Auditing and Inspection programme on track. Reports issued to managers and actions tracked for completion. Work ongoing with 2 audits per calendar month.	Full risk review carried out. Risk reviewed and mitigation actions updated.  These are ongoing risks which cannot be removed only reduce the likelihood of these happening.  The final Veritau report was presented to AARC on 15 Janaury 2025. Work is now progressing on the audit actions which we hope to have concluded the actions that we own by the Autumn 2025.	Risk reviewed on 26/06/2025
	Criminal prosecution for failings Breach of legislation and potential for enforcement action.	Directors and service leads are responsible for ensuring H&S arrangements are in place within their areas or responsibility. Managers are responsible for ensuring operational health and safety risks are assessed and effective control measures implemented.	Fully		Work still in progress with service areas around the corporate H&S register, which will be managed and monitored with a focus on the depots as our highest risk areas.											
	Financial impact (compensation or improvement actions)	Consultation with employee representatives via employer and union consultative committees (Unison)	Fully		Relevant and required policies and procedures are regularly reviewed.											
	Reputational Impact	Corporate H&S Training provided via corporate learning and development programme. Training for operational risks may be organised by services.	Fully		Working with service areas to ensure that suitable risk assessments are in place.											
		H&S performance monitored by accident and incident reports and corporate H&S auditing and inspection programme.	Fully		Working with service areas and providing training to staff where necessary.											
		H&S information is disseminated via internal communications and updates to ELT and other relevant meetings.	Fully													
<b>L10 - Cyber Security</b> -If there is insufficient security with regards to the data held and IT systems used by the councils and insufficient protection against malicious attacks on council's systems then there is a risk of: a data breach, or a loss of service.	Financial loss / fine	4	5	20	Intrusion prevention and detection monitoring and regular actions are implemented from the resulting reports	Fully	Councillor C.Brant	Stephen Hinds	David Spilsbury	3	5	15	↔	All staff reminded to be vigilant to unexpected emails due to the heightened risk of cyber-attack due to escalating worldwide tensions and at critical periods such as the run up to Elections.	Full risk review carried out. Impacts, controls and mitigating actions updated	Risk reviewed on 28/07/25
	Prosecution – penalties imposed	Additional 3rd party monitoring in place using a SIEM tool and 24/7 monitoring via a SOC	Fully													
	Individuals could be placed at risk of harm	A zero trust VPN model.	Fully		Cyber Security advice and guidance regularly highlighted to all staff.											
	Reduced capability to deliver services	Schedule of regular security patching	Fully													
	Unlawful disclosure of sensitive information	Vulnerability scanning	Fully		Cyber Security is mandatory e-learning for all staff to be completed annually and is part of new starters induction training. Additionally regular Mimecast videos sent to all users for bitesize regular training											
	Inability to share services or work with partners	Malware protection and detection	Fully													
	Loss of reputation	File and data encryption on computer devices	Fully		External Health Check undertaken each year and Cabinet Office PSN compliance reviewed and certified each year to ensure the infrastructure is secure to connect to the PSN.											
		Managing access permissions and privileged users controls.	Fully		Internal Audits complete regular cyber audits.											
		Effective information management and security training and awareness programme for staff	Fully													
		Password and Multi Factor Authentication security controls in place.	Fully		Cyber Security lead has specific responsibility for Cyber Security, and we have engaged a specialist partner to advise on industry best practices and standards.											
		Robust information and data related incident management procedures in place	Fully													
		Appropriate robust contractual arrangements in place with all third parties that supply systems or data processing services	Fully													
		Appropriate plans in place to ensure ongoing PSN compliance	Fully													
		Preventative measures in place to mitigate insider threat, including physical and system security	Fully													
		Advice received from NCSC on specific activity alerts, the increased threat of globalised ransomware and malware attacks	Fully													
	Mimecast awareness training and comprehensive defence system deployed to improve email security	Fully														

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<b>L11 - Safeguarding the vulnerable - Internal procedures-</b>  Failure to work effectively with partners to identify and protect vulnerable people in the district and disrupt exploitation leaving vulnerable people at risk or subject to exploitation.	Increased harm and distress caused to vulnerable individuals and their families	4	4	16	Safeguarding lead in place and clear lines of responsibility established	Fully	Councillor R. Pattenden	Ian Boll	Nicola Riley	2	4	8	↔	Action plan acted upon and shared with Overview and scrutiny committee once a year	No changes	Risk reviewed 01/07/2025
	Council subject to external reviews				Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place	Fully								Comprehensive on line training available for all staff and members		
	Criminal investigations potentially compromised				Information on the intranet on how to escalate a concern	Fully								Continue to attend safeguarding board sub groups as necessary to maintain high levels of awareness within the system and compliance with latest practice		
	Potential financial liability if council deemed to be negligent				Mandatory training and awareness raising sessions are now in place for all staff.	Fully								Corporate monitoring of all referrals		
	Reputational damage to the council				Safer recruitment practices and DBS checks for staff with direct contact	Fully								Ensure web pages remain up to date		
														Monitoring of implementation of corporate policies and procedures to ensure fully embedded		
					Data sharing agreement with other partners	Fully								Regular internal cross departmental meetings to discuss safeguarding practice		
					Attendance at Safeguarding Boards	Fully										
					Annual Section 11 return compiled and submitted as required by legislation.	Fully								Member training completions shared twice a year		
														SAR's and Lessons Learned reports circulated to improve practice and knowledge.		
<b>L12 - Sustainability of Council owned companies and delivery of planned financial and other objectives -</b> Failure of council owned companies to achieve their intended outcomes or fail to meet financial objectives	Unclear governance leading to lack of clarity and oversight in terms of financial and business outcomes	3	5	15	Annual business planning in place for all companies to include understanding of the link between the Council's strategic objectives being delivered and financial impact for the council. A regular Shareholder Representative meeting takes place, a Shareholder Liaison Meeting including the S.151 Officer and Monitoring Officer takes place on a quarterly basis and a Shareholder Committee meeting on a quarterly basis. A governance review is being undertaken and initial recommendations have been approved by the Shareholder Committee.	Fully	Councillor D. Hingley	Gordon Stewart	Stephen Hinds	2	3	6	↔	A Shareholder Representative was appointed and regular governance arrangements are in place.	New chair appointed in 2025, with recruitment for 2 new NEDS undertaken in July. Governance framework also approved for SHC in June.	Risk reviewed on 28/07/2025
	Failure of council owned companies to achieve their intended outcomes or fail to meet financial objectives				Regular meetings are in place between the Council's S.151 Officer and the relevant company Finance Directors. Financial planning for the companies undertaken that will then be included within our own Medium Term Financial Strategy. Financial risks are routinely reported by the Shareholder Representative to the Shareholder Committee.	Fully								Resilience and support being developed across business to support and enhance knowledge around council companies.		
	Lack of understanding at officer and member level about the different roles of responsibilities required when managing council owned companies				Clear governance arrangements are in place.	Partially								Skills and experience being enhanced to deliver and support development, challenge and oversight.		
					Sound monitoring in place of both business and financial aspects of the companies and the impact on overall council performance through the Shareholder Representative meetings and through the reporting to the Corporate Leadership Team monthly.	Fully								Work with one company to ensure long term support arrangements are put in place.		
					Training in place for those undertaking Director roles relating to the companies.	Partially										
<b>L13 - Financial sustainability of third-party suppliers and contractors</b>	The financial failure of a third party supplier and contractors results in the inability or reduced ability to deliver a service to customers or provide goods needed. A reduced supply market could also result in increased costs due to the council's loss of competitive advantage.	3	4	12	Ensure contract management in place review and anticipate problems within key service suppliers and partners	Partially	Councillor C Brant	Shiraz Sheikh	Darren Jacobs	3	4	12	↔	Creditsafe UK tool purchased to allow Procurement to carry out supplier credit checks when required.	No changes	Risk reviewed on 28/07/2025
					Business continuity planning arrangements in place in regards to key suppliers	Partially								Service areas to ensure supplier suitability checks have been carried out prior to award of contract and hold meetings as required with suppliers to review higher risk areas and ensure risks are being managed. Reminders to be sent to all who have Procurement/Contract Management responsibility to regularly meet with key suppliers and partners to gain early understanding of any issues arising.		
					Ensuring that proactive review and monitoring is in place for key suppliers to ensure we are able to anticipate any potential service failures	Partially										
	Reduced resilience and business continuity				Intelligence unit set up procurement Hub to monitor supplier and contractor market	Fully								Services areas to keep the key suppliers under regular check including running financial checks.		
	Increased complaints and/or customer dissatisfaction				Analysis of third party spend undertaken to identify and risk assess key suppliers/contractors	Fully										
	Increased costs and/or financial exposure to the Council due to having to cover costs or provide service due to failure of third party supplier of contractor															



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<b>L14 - Corporate Governance</b> - 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.	4	4	16	Clear and robust control framework including: constitution, scheme of delegation, ethical walls policy etc.	Fully	Councillor C. Brant	Stephen Hinds	Shiraz Sheikh	3	4	12	↔	External Audit - external audit issue an opinion on the accounts and the Council's arrangements for securing Value for Money. The Council's Annual Governance Statement and Code of Corporate Governance. At least annually, a review of effectiveness of governance framework including the system of internal control and AGS is published. The work is informed by the Corporate Governance and Oversight Group. CLT & ELT has responsibility of maintenance of the governance environment.  Tranfer of historic public open space land - renegotiation with the land oweber, developers, internal property and planning teams to to facilitate due diligence to enable transfers to take place.	Full risk review carried out - potential impacts updated	Risk reviewed on 10/07/2025
					Member Scrutiny - OSC function, Council Executive, AARC and Standards Committees	Fully										
	Risk of ultra vires activity or lack of legal compliance				Clear accountability and resource for corporate governance (including the shareholder role).	Fully										
	Risk of fraud or corruption				Integrated budget, performance and risk reporting framework.	Fully										
	Risk to financial sustainability if lack of governance results in poor investment decisions or budgetary control.				Corporate programme office and project management framework. Includes project and programme governance.	Partially										
	Failure of corporate governance in terms of major projects, budgets or council owned companies impacts upon financial sustainability of the council.				Internal audit programme aligned to leadership risk register.	Fully										
	Inability to support Council's democratic functions / obligations (e.g. return to physical public meetings and public access to meetings).				Training and development resource targeted to address priority issues; examples include GDPR, safeguarding etc.	Partially										
					HR policy framework.	Partially										
					Annual governance statement process connects more fully and earlier with ELT and CLT.	Fully										
					Review of the Constitution by the MO with member involvement and approval by the Full Council	Fully										
<b>L15 - Monitoring and management of Major Infrastructure Projects and Programmes</b> - Failure to properly manage and monitor the various residual Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal infrastructure projects.	Failure to actively manage the various Infrastructure Projects and Programmes, particularly in relation to those being delivered by Oxfordshire County Council, could lead to delays or failure to deliver timely obligations, which could lead to HM Government holding back some or all of its funding, or requiring repayment.	4	5	20	Need to establish appropriate officer and stakeholder governance structures to support effective programme delivery.	Partially	Councillor L. McLean	Ian Boll	Julia Harrington	3	3	9	↔	Regular infrastructure & project meetings are held between officers at Oxfordshire County and Cherwell District Councils in order to monitor progress. Projects also included within Area Oversight Priority Plans for monitoring at AOGs held quarterly for each area.	No changes	Risk reviewed on 13/05/2025
					Need to institute regular and effective dialogue with developers.	Partially								Regular and effective dialogue with developers via Area Developer Forums and Area Oversight Groups held on a quarterly basis.		
	Delivery of Infrastructure projects fail to accelerate housing delivery as commercial pressures impact house builders projects.															
<b>L16- Workforce Strategy</b> The lack of effective workforce strategies could impact on our ability to deliver Council priorities and services.	Limit our ability to recruit, retain and develop staff	3	4	12	Analysis of workforce data and on-going monitoring of issues.	Partially	Councillor C. Brant	Stephen Hinds	Claire Cox	3	4	12	↔	There are indications that specific service areas continue to experience recruitment difficulties for professional roles. HR is working with the relevant directors to consider alternative resourcing methods.	Full risk review carried out. Mitigating actions updated. We are collecting recruitment data to better identify areas where recruitment is proving challenging so that a review and actions can be carried out at the earliest opportunity.	Risk reviewed and updated 09/07/2025
	Impact on our ability to deliver high quality services				Key staff in post to address risks (e.g. strategic HR business partners)	Fully								Development of a people strategy to include succession planning, and to underpin the organisation strategy		
	Overreliance on temporary staff				Weekly Vacancy Management process in place	Fully								Development of relevant workforce plans.		
														Development of specific recruitment and retention strategies. It is planned for CDC to develop a framework that suits the needs of all services ensuring that the Council has access to a much wider pool of staffing agencies at competitive rates.		
	Additional training and development costs				Ongoing service redesign will set out long term service requirements	Partially								The new IT system has been implemented to improve our workforce data and continues to be develop to improve our ability to interrogate and access key data (ongoing) in order to inform workforce strategies.		
<b>L17 - Local Government Reorganisation</b> <b>Potential impact that the Local Government Reorganisation implementation might across the council, including services we provide to our residents.</b>	Impact on potential short term decision making due to future uncertainty	4	4	16	Representation of all political parties is ensured, including through dialogue with PGL		Councillor D. Hingley	Gordon Stewart	Stephen Hinds	4	3	12	↔	Implement proposals from our Transformation Plan to ensure improved efficiencies and improving our resilience	Case for Change, PID and TOM in developed. Numerous workstreams in place for building the our LGR CIC which are reported to our project board and leaders on a fortnightly basis.	Risk reviewed on 28/07/2025
	Inability to recruit key personnel to achieve priorities during the transition period				Legal implications and actions to be identified and executed											
	Inability to transform services to achieve required financial savings/ VFM due to uncertainty of future design requirements & timescales				Communication plan to be put in place											
	Services not being fully ready on vesting day				Local/District specific impact to be identified, assessed and managed/escalated											
	Risk to the continuity of services				Active engagement at officer & Council Leader levels with authorities across Oxfordshire & wider as appropriate.											
	Insufficient resources to implement LGR / business case with impact on BAU work.															
	Staff morale and resilience may be low															
	Risk that assumed savings from reorganisation will not be realised or will be significantly delayed.															
	Failure of back-office systems															
	That decision making will be unclear and confused															
	Lack of clarity of vision and priorities															
	Loss of local representation to issues important to Cherwell residents; that any unitary body(ies) may not have community as a central focus in design of the new operating model.															