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# Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee 27 June 2005 Cabinet 11 July 2005

## **CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY & STRATEGY**

## Report of the Chief Finance Officer

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To review progress made towards implementing the Council's Corporate Risk Management Strategy.
- 1.2. To seek the agreement and support of the Scrutiny Committee/Cabinet to the revised Risk Management Policy and Strategy as contained within the supporting information.

### 2. <u>Recommendations</u>

- 2.1. The Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:
  - 2.1.1. Consider the revised Risk Management Policy and Strategy as contained within the supporting information and to make such comments to the Cabinet, as the committee sees fit.
  - 2.1.2. Note progress made in implementing the Risk Management Strategy since 2001 (see paragraph 5)
  - 2.1.3. Note and endorse the action plan and Communication Strategy for 2005/06 (see Appendices 2 and 7).
- 2.2. Note the proposed changes to the terms of reference of this Committee, which will be referred to full Council for determination (as set out at Appendix 8)
- 3. The Cabinet is recommended to
  - 3.1. Nominate the Cabinet member for Finance as the lead member for Risk Management and to approve the policy and strategy, endorse the work plan and approve the roles and responsibilities as set out in this report (see Appendices 2,3& 4).
  - 3.2. Agree the proposed changes to the terms of reference of the Cabinet (as set out in Appendix 8).

## 4. <u>Report</u>

- 4.1. The terms of reference for the Resources and Equal Opportunity Scrutiny Committee include "The Council's Risk Management policies".
- 4.2. A Risk Management Strategy was first approved in 2001 and updated in 2003 and 2004.
- 4.3. As part of its remit, the Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the progress made in implementing the strategy (as summarised in paragraph 5 below and detailed in Appendix 1) and the challenges to be faced over the coming year which are:-
  - To build on existing Departmental Risk Registers, and the completion of a Corporate Risk Register, identifying the key corporate risks which will be regularly monitored by the Corporate Directors' Board.
  - The establishment of effective and tested Business Continuity Plans for Council services in line with the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
  - The new assessment criteria for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment to be introduced for 2005.
  - The development of the role of Scrutiny Committees in relation to risk matrices and their use.
  - The further development of Project Management methodologies to include assessment and management of risks.
  - > The exploration of alternative risk financing options.
- 4.4. The above challenges will need to be met if the Council wishes to be able to demonstrate that
  - it has a commitment to risk management, recognising that the accountability for managing risk rests with every manager and employee in the organisation;
  - there is a widespread culture that reinforces the value and importance of risk management through integration into service/business decision making processes;
  - there is widespread use of a risk management toolkit to ensure a systematic approach to the assessment of risk when significant decisions are taken.

#### 5. Achievements to Date

Achievements since the Risk Management Strategy was first approved are summarised below:-

#### 2001/02

First Risk Management Strategy endorsed – establishing policy, roles and responsibilities and Corporate Risk Management Group.

#### 2002/03

Risk Management framework developed Risk Management Fund criteria established Risk Profiling workshops with Service Directors & Chief Exec Risk Awareness training for employees Loss control risk audit of motor procedures and policies **Comprehensive Performance Assessment score - 2** 

#### 2003/04

Risk Management Strategy revised Risk Management included in Performance Management and project management Frameworks Risk Profiling workshops for all departments Risk Management included in Procurement Toolkit Departmental Risk Officer roles funded and supported on temp basis Risk Awareness training for employees Risk Assessment Matrix used in reports requiring significant decisions Loss control audit of Health & Safety Membership of Corporate Risk Management Group revised **Comprehensive Performance Assessment score – 3** 

## 2004/05

Risk Management Strategy revised Risk Management included in service planning training and guidance Departmental risk registers developed Risk Management role enhanced in Finance Procedure Rules Business/Service Continuity Management framework established Risk Management presentations to Scrutiny Committees Cross-departmental risk profiling workshops linked to Corporate Plan Loss control risk audits of asbestos and highways Development of risk library resource Development of a Fraud strategy Establishment of protocols with Internal Audit and a contribution to the Internal Audit Annual Operational Plan Motor Policy endorsed **Comprehensive Performance Assessment score – 3** 

This progress has provided a firm foundation for further development of the process of risk management throughout the Council, which in turn, will support compliance with Corporate Governance requirements (as set out in the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance as approved by the Council in May 2002) and the aim of improving or at least maintaining the Council's CPA rating for this process, in the light of new assessment criteria to be introduced for 2005. To do this the council will have to provide evidence that its arrangements for managing key business risks are effective.

## 6. Key Issues to be addressed during 2005/6

## **Risk Registers**

- 6.1. As previously reported, there has been progress in the development of departmental risk registers, albeit that there remains further work to be done before it can be claimed that complete registers exist.
- 6.2. The registers that currently exist however relate risks identified to respective departmental objectives. Whilst these departmental objectives are derived from the Corporate Plan, they do not necessarily relate to the risks facing the achievement of the Council's declared objectives as set out in its published Corporate Plan.
- 6.3. In order to address this, the Corporate Directors' Board has received a report on some further risk profiling workshops it commissioned. The report

identifies what are felt to be the top corporate risks and will essentially form the "Corporate Risk Register". The Board will need to subject this register to regular review.

### **Business Continuity Plans**

- 6.4. Departmental progress has been slower than anticipated. Whilst a framework has been developed and agreed, and timescales established, the majority of departments have not met these.
- 6.5. The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 comes into force shortly and identifies roles and responsibilities for the authority externally as well as internally. One of these is to ensure the Council has a full Business Continuity Plan to ensure it can maintain continuity of service delivery as well as protect the authority's assets. This is/will be a requirement of insurance policies, legislation and regulations. Ad hoc departmental plans or strategies will no longer be adequate.

#### **Comprehensive Performance Assessment**

- 6.6. The CPA assessment in 2004 identified that whilst the Council had established a good framework for risk management, the development of a corporate risk register was still required, in addition to the completion of departmental risk registers and their monitoring on a quarterly basis.
- 6.7. The Audit Commission have now published the key criteria to be used for the assessment of council's use of resources for the forthcoming CPA assessment.
- 6.8. These criteria, as far as they relate to Risk Management are as follows:-

| Level 2  | Level 3  | Level 4  |
|--|--|--|
| <ul> <li>* The council has adopted<br/>a risk management<br/>strategy/policy that has<br/>been approved by<br/>members.</li> <li>* The risk management<br/>strategy/policy requires<br/>the council to: <ul> <li>identify corporate<br/>and operational<br/>risks</li> <li>assess the risks for<br/>likelihood and<br/>impact</li> <li>identify mitigating<br/>controls</li> <li>allocate<br/>responsibility for<br/>the mitigating<br/>controls.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | * The risk management<br>process is reviewed and<br>updated at least annually.<br>* The risk management<br>process specifically<br>identifies risks in relation<br>to partnerships and<br>provides for assurances to<br>be obtained about the<br>management of those<br>risks. | A senior officer and member<br>jointly champion and take<br>overall responsibility for<br>embedding risk management<br>throughout the council.<br>The council can demonstrate<br>that it has embedded risk<br>management in its corporate<br>business processes,<br>including:<br>• strategic planning<br>• financial planning<br>• policy making and<br>review<br>• performance<br>management |
| * The council maintains<br>and reviews a register of<br>its corporate business<br>risks linking them to<br>strategic business  | All staff have been given<br>appropriate training and<br>guidance to enable them to<br>take responsibility for<br>managing risk within their   | All members have received risk management awareness training.  |

| objectives and assigning ownership for each risk.   | own working environment.   |  |
|---|--|--|
| * There is a member<br>committee with specific<br>responsibility included in<br>its terms of reference to<br>consider corporate risk<br>management. | * The members with<br>specific responsibility for<br>risk management have<br>received risk management<br>awareness training. | The council considers<br>positive risks (opportunities)<br>as well as negative risks<br>(threats). |
| * Reports to support<br>strategic policy decisions,<br>and project initiation<br>documents, include a risk<br>assessment.                           | with responsibility for risk management receives   |  |

- 6.9. A review of these criteria identifies the need for the following steps to be taken
  - A member committee with specific responsibility included in its terms of reference to consider corporate risk management needs to be identified.
  - The members with specific responsibility for risk management need to receive risk management awareness training.
  - The member committee with responsibility for risk management should receive reports at least quarterly and take appropriate action to ensure that corporate business risks are being actively managed, including reporting to full council at least annually.
- 6.10. It is recommended that
  - The Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee be the member body to assume specific responsibility for risk management and that its and the relevant Terms of Reference be amended to reflect this.
  - That the Terms of reference of the Cabinet be amended to include responsibility to ensure that the Council has effective arrangements for the management of corporate business risks.
  - That appropriate training be provided to members of the Scrutiny Committee to enable them to fulfil their specific responsibilities with regard to risk management
  - That the Chief Finance Officer be required to report on a quarterly basis to this committee on the management of the top corporate risks as agreed by the Corporate Directors' Board.
  - That the Chief Finance Officer be required to report to Council on an annual basis on the management of corporate business risks.

#### **Risk Assessment Matrices in Reports**

- 6.11. There has been steady progress in the use of risk assessment matrices and the need for these is largely accepted. Content has also gradually improved.
- 6.12. A key issue now for 2005/6 is to build on this progress and ensure that matrices are used appropriately and effectively in every relevant report to ensure that risks and their management or control are being actively considered.

6.13. In this respect all Scrutiny Committees have an important role to play and should ensure that they are satisfied that reports being brought to their attention demonstrate that suitable risk identification and assessment has been carried out, with appropriate associated control options being shown clearly. To this end a revised form of matrix is proposed for adoption(see Appendix 5).

## Alternative Risk Financing Projects

- 6.14. The Corporate Risk Manager is now involved with two projects whose objectives are to find an alternative means of financing insurance cover in place of the traditional insurance market. Choices for local authorities in recent years have been very limited and this has had a detrimental effect on premia for external insurance cover.
- 6.15. As an organisation the Council makes a significant investment in managing its risks and exposures, and it is believed that this commitment is not being adequately reflected in the premia being charged by the insurance market.
- 6.16. The projects are being carried out by Marsh and Charles Taylor Consulting and DfES and Capgemini, the latter focussing on special insurance needs of schools. They will research the benefits and potential hurdles of alternative risk financing options as well as comparing insurance data from various authorities.
- 6.17. The aim is to develop alternative and viable options for funding insurance exposures that reflect more fairly the investment being made by the Council in the management of its insurable risks. As the projects develop, the results will be reported back to Committee as part of future reviews of the Risk Management Strategy
- 6.18. There has been much by way of progress since this strategy was last reviewed especially in relation to the profile of risk management within the operational processes of the Council. It is, however, still important to ensure that compliance with corporate risk management initiatives is consistent across all departments.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The cost of risk falls into two categories:-
  - The direct cost of paying premia to insurance companies, meeting insured claims and associated administration of the risk management function. For 2005/06 this amounts to about £3.8m.
  - The indirect cost of service disruption associated with incidents, which (evidence suggests) can amount to many times the direct cost.
- 7.2. Whilst it is never possible to eliminate such costs, they can be reduced by good practice in risk management: prevention of incidents arising in the first place will undoubtedly save the Council money. Whilst our insurers would pay an unusually high level of claims in any given year, there is a knock-on impact on future years premia (the Council would pay in the end!).
- 7.3. Differential charging of insurance premia, providing for reduced costs for departments who demonstrate good risk management practice, is to be introduced for financial year 2006/07. (Mark Noble)

## 8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Risk Management is a key practice aspect of both the Comprehensive Performance Assessment and the Corporate Governance agenda and Leicester City Council is required to give assurance as to the extent of compliance with their requirements. (Elaine Butterwor/Laurie Goldberg).

## 9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

| OTHER IMPLICATIONS            | YES/NO | PARAGRAPH REFERENCES<br>WITHIN SUPPORTING<br>INFORMATION |
|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| Equal Opportunities           | N      | -  |
| Policy                        | N      | -  |
| Sustainable and Environmental | N      | -  |
| Crime and Disorder            | N      | -  |
| Human Rights Act              | N      | -  |
| Elderly/People on Low Income  | N      | -  |

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## 11. APPENDICES

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|-------------|---|
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| Appendix 6  | - Completed Work Plan for CRMG for 2004/05          |
| Appendix 7  | - Corporate Risk Management Communication Strategy  |
| Appendix 8  | Changes to Terms of Reference for Resources & Equal |
|             | Opportunities Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet    |

## **DECISION STATUS**

| Key Decision | No                  |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Reason       |                     |
| Appeared in  | No                  |
| Forward Plan |                     |
| Executive or | Executive (Cabinet) |
| Council      |                     |
| Decision     |                     |

## Risk Management Strategy Progress Made during 2004/05

| Risk Management<br>Strategy 2004/05                     | What has been done   | Specific Tasks  | Achieved by   |
|---|--|---|---|
| Integration of RM<br>into Culture of<br>Council         | *RM Toolkit documented<br>and training provided.<br>*Finance procedures<br>revised<br>*Risk Strategy in line with<br>RM standards<br>*Communication Strategy<br>introduced and training<br>provided. | *Process documented &<br>training provided<br>*Finance Procedure<br>Rules revised<br>*Compliance with Risk<br>Management standards<br>*Develop communication<br>strategy (see appendix<br>6)                    | Feb 2005<br>Agreed by FREOPS<br>June 2004<br>June 2004<br>June 2004 |
| Risk Register   | *Database structure/criteria<br>standardised<br>*Database populated from<br>workshop output<br>*Access to all departments<br>and key officers (read only)<br>guidance manual produced.               | *Develop criteria<br>*Populate database with<br>risk profiling workshop<br>output<br>*Extend IT access to<br>Depts<br>*Produce guidance<br>manual   | Sept 2004<br>Jan 2005<br>Jan 2005<br>Feb 2005                       |
| DMT Monitoring  | *DMT monitoring taking<br>place and monitoring<br>reports set to RMS to<br>update database.  | *Planned in DMT diary<br>quarterly<br>*Copies of Risk Register<br>sent to DMT for feedback<br>* Copy of DMT monitoring<br>reports to RMS<br>*CRM to attend DMT's  | Ongoing<br>Feb 2005<br>Outstanding<br>N/A                           |
| Project Management                                      | *No task group established.<br>*Project information added<br>to<br>Risk Register added where<br>notified.  | *Liaise with Task Group<br>*Ensure process involves<br>RMS<br>*Details added to risk<br>register  | Ongoing<br>Ongoing<br>Where notified                                |
| Risk Register<br>contributing to<br>Internal Audit Plan | *Improved liaison between<br>IA and RMS.<br>*IA have access to<br>database.  | <ul> <li>* Internal Audit to provide<br/>RMS with Audit<br/>information</li> <li>* RMS to provide IA with<br/>updates from risk register</li> <li>– need to provide access<br/>to database long term</li> </ul> | Mar 2005<br>Jan/Feb 2005  |
| Engage Scrutiny<br>Committee                            | *Presentations at each<br>scrutiny group took place.<br>*Monitoring use of matrix<br>on communication reports.<br>*RMS provided guidance<br>on how they should be<br>completed by officers.          | *Arrange information<br>event for members<br>*Ensure risk matrix is<br>used on all committee<br>reports   | Nov 2004 – Jan<br>2005<br>Ongoing                                   |
| Business Planning                                       | *Achieved for 2005/06<br>which will be monitored for<br>quality and quantity.  | *Monitor Dept Business<br>Plans and ensure risks<br>are monitored   | Achieved for<br>2005/06   |
| Risk Library  | *Library developed and access agreed.  | *Develop a library of risk<br>management information<br>in RMS and on the<br>intranet<br>*Communicate availability  | Mar 2005<br>Mar 2005  |
| Fraud Strategy  | *Publicised in local paper,<br>face and at RMS events.<br>*Have altered RMS claims<br>procedures.<br>*Monitoring and training of<br>staff has taken place<br>8                                       | *Publicise<br>internally/externally<br>*Review/set up<br>procedures<br>*Provide training  | Sept 2004<br>Dec 2004<br>Nov 2004                                   |

## Risk Management Strategy Progress Made during 2004/05

| Loss Audits<br>-asbestos<br>-highway<br>-education | *Insurers completed audits<br>on asbestos, highways and<br>some schools.<br>*Recommendations and<br>actions being monitored. | *Evaluation of risk<br>*Provide Action<br>priorities/advice   | March 2005             |
|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Analysis of Claims<br>Data                         | *Comprehensive claims data<br>produced for depts. and<br>trend analysis carried out.   | *Evaluation of claims<br>history<br>*Engage with depts. to<br>improve their<br>understanding of the           | Mar 2005<br>Mar 2005   |
| Property Asset<br>Management                       | *Regular meetings with<br>property to share information<br>to ensure PAMIS is up to<br>date.                                 | understanding of the<br>risks<br>*Sharing of information  | Mar 2005               |
| Dept Risk<br>Management<br>Officers                | *DRMO supported and<br>training provided.<br>*Review of progress and<br>funding to support initiatives.                      | *Develop and enhance<br>cross dept relationships<br>*Carry out annual<br>reviews with H&S on<br>Safety & Risk | Mar 2005<br>March 2005 |

## Risk Management Strategy Action Plan for 2005/06

| 2005/06                         | Specific Tasks                                  | Timescale  | Who is responsible    |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------|
|                                 |   | Target     |                       |
| Key Priorities                  |   |            |                       |
| (Strategy Map –<br>Appendix 3a) |   |            |                       |
| Integration of RM               | *Senior officers to                             | Mar 2007   | CRM/Service Directors |
| into Culture of                 | attend 1 day training                           |            |                       |
| Council                         | Risk Management as                              |            |                       |
| (Appendix 3a –                  | part of 2 year rolling                          |            |                       |
| priority B)                     | programme.                                      |            |                       |
|                                 | *Access to risk                                 | Dec 2005   | CRM/Dept. RMO         |
|                                 | register from intranet<br>*Links from dept      | Dec 2005   | CRM/ICT Staff         |
|                                 | homepages to risk                               | Dec 2003   |                       |
|                                 | management site                                 |            |                       |
|                                 | *Develop  | April 2005 | CRM                   |
|                                 | communication                                   | -          |                       |
|                                 | strategy (see                                   |            |                       |
|                                 | Appendix 6)                                     | Max 2000   | CRM/HdofAudit         |
|                                 | * Develop<br>skills/experience of the           | Mar 2006   |                       |
|                                 | Corporate Risk                                  |            |                       |
|                                 | Management Group                                |            |                       |
|                                 | * Risk Forum and                                | May 2005   | CRM/RMS Staff         |
|                                 | open days                                       |            |                       |
| Diele Degister                  | *All DMTs to diam                               | Cont 2005  | DMT's                 |
| Risk Register<br>(Appendix 3a – | *All DMTs to diary<br>review of departments     | Sept 2005  | DIVITS                |
| priority A&C)                   | risk register quarterly                         |            |                       |
|                                 | and return update to                            |            |                       |
|                                 | RMS   |            |                       |
|                                 | *Copy of all risk                               | June 2005  | Dept RMO's            |
|                                 | register monitoring                             |            |                       |
|                                 | reports sent to RMS<br>*CRM to attend DMTs      | Mar 2006   | CRM/DMT's             |
|                                 | on request or at least                          |            |                       |
|                                 | once per annum.                                 |            |                       |
|                                 | *DMTs to provide a                              | Mar 2006   | CRM/DMT's             |
|                                 | signed statement                                |            |                       |
|                                 | regarding performance                           |            |                       |
|                                 | of RM against the                               |            |                       |
|                                 | CRM Strategy (RMS to provide template).         |            |                       |
|                                 | Audited by RMS and                              |            |                       |
|                                 | IA  |            |                       |
|                                 | *RMS to monitor                                 |            |                       |
|                                 | control measures                                | Mar 2006   | CRM/Dept.RMO          |
|                                 | identified within risk                          |            |                       |
|                                 | registers annually and<br>report the results to |            |                       |
|                                 | the Cabinet (through                            |            |                       |
|                                 | strategy report) &                              |            |                       |
|                                 | Internal Audit regularly                        |            |                       |
|                                 | to support risk based                           |            |                       |
|                                 | auditing  |            |                       |
| Business/Service                | *Engage departments                             | September  | CRM/Dept. RMO         |
| Continuity                      | to utilise framework                            | 2005       |                       |

## Risk Management Strategy Action Plan for 2005/06

| 2005/06 Specific Tasks   |   | Timescale                           | Who is responsible   |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Managamont   | and develop   | Target                              |  |
| Management<br>(Appendix 3a –<br>priority C)  | and develop<br>comprehensive BCP<br>from critical analysis of<br>services.<br>*Produce Corporate<br>BCP consultation with<br>Civil Contingencies<br>Officer                                   | Mar 2006                            | CRM/Civil Contingences<br>Officer/Dept RMO   |
| Performance<br>Indicators  | *Investigate a PI group<br>on performance<br>intranet site.<br>*Identifying drops in<br>performance as a<br>potential risk to<br>meeting objectives<br>which can be<br>monitored by RMS       | Mar 2006                            | CRM<br>DMT's   |
| Engage Cabinet/<br>Scrutiny<br>Committees<br>(Appendix 3a –<br>priority D)   | *Ensure all Scrutiny<br>Committee satisfy<br>themselves that the<br>risk assessment<br>matrix is used where<br>required and that it<br>adequately addresses<br>risks and their<br>management. | Oct 2005                            | Cabinet/Scrutiny<br>Committees   |
|  | *Survey of members<br>understanding of RM<br>*CRM to produce, 6<br>monthly brief for lead<br>member for RM.   | Mar 2006<br>March 2006              | CRM<br>CRM/HdofAudit   |
| Service/Business<br>Planning<br>(Appendix 3a –<br>priority E)  | *CRMG Monitor<br>Service/Business<br>Plans and ensure risks<br>are identified and<br>monitored  | Oct 2005                            | CRMG Members   |
| Project<br>Management<br>(Appendix 3a –<br>priority F)   | *Liaise with Task<br>Group and ensure<br>process involves RM<br>*Project Risks details<br>added to risk register<br>*Use Risk matrix in<br>new initiatives/projects                           | June 2005<br>July 2005<br>July 2005 | CRM/Project<br>Management<br>Coordinator<br>CRM/Project<br>Management Team<br>CRM/Project<br>Management Team |
| Criminal Strategy  | *Publicise fraud<br>internally/externally<br>*Provide training  | Sept 2005                           | CRM/IA<br>CRM/External Providers   |
| Loss Audits<br>-water hygiene<br>(following<br>Barrowin Furness<br>Court Case)<br>-motor<br>-education/lone<br>working | *Identification of risk<br>and recommendations<br>for control<br>*Provide Action<br>priorities/advice   | March 2006                          | CRM/Insurers<br>CRM/HdofAudit  |

## Risk Management Strategy Action Plan for 2005/06

| 2005/06  | Specific Tasks  | Timescale<br>Target      | Who is responsible           |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| -violence at work<br>(Appendix 3a –<br>priority G) |   |                          |                              |
| Analysis of<br>Claims Data                         | *Evaluation of claims<br>history<br>*Introduce premium<br>recharges weighted on<br>claims numbers and<br>costs for 2006/7 | March 2006<br>Dec 2005   | CRM<br>CRM/HdofAudit/CFO     |
| Property Asset<br>Management                       | *Sharing of<br>information  | March 2006               | CRM/HdsofProperty            |
| Dept Risk<br>Management<br>Officers                | *Develop and enhance<br>cross dept<br>relationships<br>*Support and advice<br>as required                                 | March 2006               | CRM/Dept RMO<br>CRM/Dept RMO |
| Research<br>Alternative Risk<br>Finance options    | *Feasibility study with<br>Marsh<br>* Feasibility study with<br>DfES relating to<br>schools                               | March 2006<br>March 2006 | CRM<br>CRM                   |

## **Corporate Risk Management Policy**

The Council believes that risk is a feature of all business, and is a particular attribute of the more creative of the Council's strategic developments. Some risks will always exist and can never be eliminated: they therefore need to be appropriately managed.

The Council recognises that it has a responsibility to manage hazards and risks and supports a structured and focused approach to managing them by approval each year of a Risk Management Strategy.

In this way the Council will improve its ability to achieve its corporate objectives and enhance the value of services it provides to the community.

The Council's Risk Management objectives are to:

- Embed risk management into the culture and operations of the Council.
- Adopt a systematic approach to risk management as an integral part of service planning and performance management.
- Manage risk in accordance with best practice.
- Anticipate and respond to changing social, environmental and legislative requirements.
- Ensure departments have clear responsibility for both the ownership and cost of risk and the tools to effectively reduce/control it.

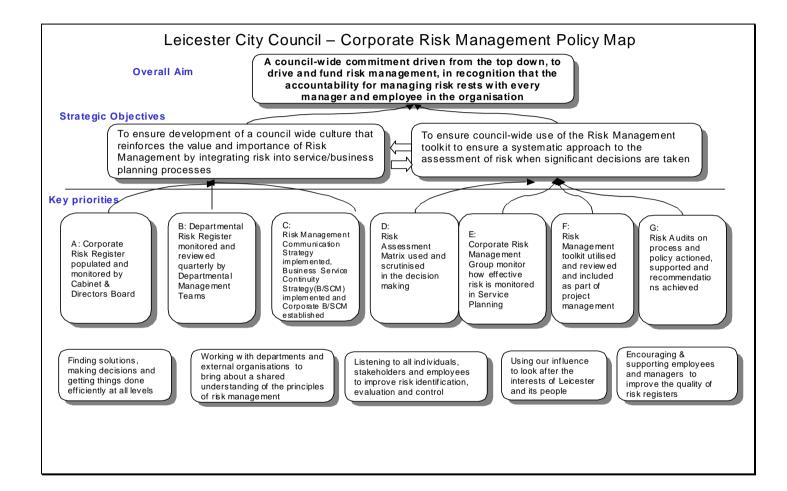
These objectives will be achieved by:

- Establishing clear roles, responsibilities and reporting lines within the Council for risk management.
- Incorporating risk management in the Council's decision making and operational management processes.
- Reinforcing the importance of effective risk management through training and providing opportunities for shared learning.
- Incorporating risk management considerations into Service/Business Planning.
- Monitoring risk management arrangements on a regular basis
- Providing financial incentives to facilitate the proper management of risk

The benefits of Risk Management include:

- Safer environment for all;
- Improved public relations and reputation for the organisation;
- Improved efficiency within the organisation;
- Reduced drain on resources;
- Reduction in probability/size of uninsured or uninsurable losses;
- Reduced premia (as insurers recognise the Council as a "better risk");
- Improved labour relations

#### Corporate Risk Management Policy Map



## **Roles And Responsibilities**

## The Cabinet

To oversee the effective management of risk by the Council by agreeing the overall policy and strategy and monitoring its implementation.

To ensure that risks are fully considered in Cabinet decision making processes

## **Corporate Directors Board**

To ensure the Council approves effective risk management strategy.

To ensure risks are fully considered in making their decisions.

To ensure the Council has in place an effective Business/Service Continuity Plan.

To identify and monitor the most significant risks to the council.

## **Corporate Directors (Individuals)**

To ensure there is an appropriate performance management framework by which service directors are held accountable for management of operational risks in their services

To identity and control the departments most significant operational risks.

To ensure their departments has an effective Business/Service Continuity Plan.

#### **Service Directors**

To ensure that risks in their service portfolios are effectively assessed and managed

To identify, monitor and control the divisions most significant operational risks.

To ensure their service has an effective business/service continuity plan.

#### **Operational Managers**

To manage operational risks in their area of work

To ensure that risk management becomes incorporated into the culture of their activities and becomes an integral part of their decision-making and business planning.

#### All Employees

To be aware of risks in their own area of work and to take appropriate care

To report any new or changing risks to their Manager



## Risk Assessment Matrix

Appendix 5

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Organisation/department/function/project:

# Business Objective:\_\_\_\_\_ Date comp

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

| No. | No. Risk |                     | r <b>olled Risk</b><br>t controls) | Risk Control Measures<br>Control actions (if | Contro              | lled Risk                  | Responsibility |
|-----|----------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
|     |          | Severity/<br>Impact | Likelihood/<br>Probability         | necessary or appropriate)                    | Severity/<br>Impact | Likelihood/<br>Probability |                |
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L- Low, M-Medium, H-High



## <u>Appendix 6</u>

## Corporate Risk Management Group Completed Work Plan 2004/5

| Ref | Task/Action   | Output   | Target Achieved |
|-----|---|--|-----------------|
| 1   | Risk Register   | High level register complete in all Departments                                      | Mar-05          |
| 2   | Departmental premia   | Review current charging bases and propose a risk based approach                      | Mar-05          |
| 3   | Review All Directorates' performance in relation to<br>progress on risk registers and management of<br>identified risks | 12 monthly review of each dept   | Feb 05          |
| 4   | RM Funding (2004-5)   | Review applications (subject to funds remaining)                                     | Nov-04          |
| 5   | Review of RM funding  | Monitor feedback from applications 03/04   | Sept.04-Nov.04  |
| 6   | Communication of RM Strategy  | Support for RM events, seminars & publications                                       | Mar 05          |
| 7   | Major claims/Claims History   | Analysis of trends and lessons learned   | Sep-04          |
| 8   | Business Continuity Plans (BCP's)   | Revised Authority Wide BCP's in place  | Ongoing         |
| 9   | Review of BCP's   | Annual review  | Ongoing         |
| 10  | Insurance Renewals  | Results of tender  | Nov-04          |
| 11  | Review RM Strategy  | Annual review  | Mar-05          |
| 12  | Review of Insurance Fund  | Annual review  | Nov-04          |
| 13  | Work Plan   | Annual review  | Mar-05          |
| 14  | New/Emerging Risk   | Identify new, emerging or potential areas of risk and links to risk registers        | Ongoing         |
| 15  | Identifying Risk Initiatives  | Identifying a series of Corporate Risk Initiatives for Group to promote and monitor. | Mar 05          |
| 16  | Loss Control Audit  | Agree Programme of Loss Control Audits   | June 2004       |

# Corporate Risk Management Communication Strategy 2005/6

| Target Date   | Audience            | Description/Message  | Туре   |
|---|---------------------|--|--|
| June 2005 – Mar 2006  | LCC senior managers | Risk Management principles & corporate framework   | Interactive workshop   |
| April 2005 – Mar 2006   | All Council staff   | Newsletters<br>Bulletins<br>Lunchtime briefing sessions<br>Intranet site   | Printed<br>Emailed<br>Information sharing<br>Access to site                      |
| Jun 2005-Mar 2006   | DMT's               | Corporate Risk Manager to attend   | Good, Bad & Ugly risk<br>and claims issues                                       |
| May 2005  | Risk Forum 2005     | Workshops/lectures open to all<br>employees, governors & members   | Interactive<br>lectures/training   |
| June 2005 – Mar 2006  | Members             | Risk Management Awareness<br>Monthly briefing – select attendance  | Presentation<br>Briefing   |
| RM Audits - Water hygiene - Schools/education - stress - violence at work - motor | Selected areas      | Rolling programme in consultation<br>with departments  | Information sharing and<br>advice/recommendations<br>provided                    |
| June-Dec 2005   | Education-Schools   | Risk Assessment of school- link to<br>OFSTED, Internal Audit, Risk Based<br>Audits and rank for Risk Management<br>funding | Interactive visit to<br>establish an Action Plan<br>to prioritise risks/controls |

## Proposed changes to Terms of Reference for the Resources & Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee and The Cabinet

| Cabinet- Terms of Reference |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| ADD                         | To ensure that the Council has effective arrangements for the management of corporate business |
|                             | risks  |
| Resources & Equal           |  |
| Opportunities Scrutiny      |  |
| Committee                   |  |
| ADD                         | All matters relating to the Council's management of risk                                       |