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adequately to the cuts in public sector funding and changes in funding	- Council is placed in severe financial crisis. Reputational damage to the Council and substantial crisis job and service losses. If the process is not properly managed, the Council will have little money for anything but statutory 'demand led services'	 20/21 draft budget published proposing a balance position with the use of a small amount of reserves managed reserves strategy maintained to manage future funding shortfalls (short term). 	5	4	20		 Heavy involvement of City Mayor and COO in ensuring spending review programme delivers. Appropriate change management/ project management arrangements to be put in place for major review areas. Delivery of spending review 4 and approval of 20/21 budget 	5		10		Andy Keeling / Alison Greenhill	19/2/20 and On-going	
maintain effective relationships with stakeholders (partners, neighbouring Councils, NHS etc.). Key partners and stakeholders fail to support the council in delivery of its strategy as a result of tensions and strained relationships due to financial and other pressures. Council fails to identify tensions arising in the city	agreed levels of performance, the impacts of which may reflect negatively on the Council adversely affecting its reputation. - Potential litigation where it impacts on formal contractual relationships. - Financial risk if funding arrangements involving partners are inadequate or not agreed.	 communities and currently some work to review and evaluate the Forum now it has been in place for a number of years Arrangements for engagement of, and support to, the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) have been commissioned and contracts are in place. Specific Executive Members have clear objectives around partnership working in their portfolios, for example working with the voluntary and community sector is reflected in the portfolio for the Assistant City Mayor for Communities and Equalities. Close involvement of City Mayor and Members in key partnerships. 	3	3	9		 Regular review and evaluation of the current position by Directors and Lead Members. Review of existing arrangements and contract for VCS engagement and support is part of spending review 4. Contract with VAL due to end in April 2020 and notice given Development of VCS Strategy underway with target date of April 2020 	3	2	6		Miranda Cannon / All Directors	31/05/20 and ongoing	

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2. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT (Continued) If stakeholder engagement is not robust and effective but is critical to the delivery of the Council's priorities, statutory duties etc., these may not be delivered. An example of such is the need to have a continuing, productive partnership relationship with Clinical Commissioning Group which is particularly important in light of the importance for Adult Social Care of the Better Care Together Fund.	 There is no common vision or consensus across key partners in the City and therefore the work of individual organisations pulls in different and potentially conflicting directions. Places a strain on resources and services to manage. Partners are present round the table but are not collectively owning the agenda or taking on board the responsibilities and actions that arise therefore undermining the approach Public health and wellbeing may be impacted or the quality of the service delivered to the Public is insufficient, which could cause harm. 	officers from Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, youth services, community services along with community representatives. This tracks and agrees joint actions to address any known tensions in communities. This is supported by a shared system between front line officers from the police and the council to track community tension.				Treat						
3. CYBER RISK - Loss or compromise of IT systems and/or associated data through cyber security attacks	 Potential financial or reputational damage to Council. Potential Data Protection breaches. Fines Service delivery affected 	 Ensure close monitoring of existing perimeter and internal security protection. Continue working on staff awareness and training Services have BCPs which cover loss of systems and ICT have a disaster recovery plan in place An audit was commissioned in April 2019 to provide assurance that the ICT infrastructure is robust and that the range of IT controls are well designed and consistently applied. The auditors reported "Substantial Assurance" with some minor improvements required with medium risk issues to be addressed and an action plan was created to resolve these issues 	4	5	20		- Plans arising from the audit recommendations largely complete and progress is tracked/monitored monthly. Items outstanding relate to legacy application architecture and 'human factor'. Work on these 2 items is ongoing.	4	3	12	Andy Keeling / Alison Greenhill	31/05/20 and ongoing

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4. BUSINESS/SERVICE CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT Unforeseen unpredictable events such as flood, power/utility failure etc. could impact on the council's assets, communication channels of resources etc.	 business critical activities and the control of the emergency plan. The wider risk environment increasingly makes 'resilience' a significant focus for all organisations. 	 All the Senior Management Team have roles in either the Corporate Business Continuity Management Team (CBCT) or are Emergency Controllers. Significant number of senior managers are on the on-call rota and have either had training and in some cases practical experience from actual incidents. The Manager, Risk Management chairs the Multi-Agency Business Continuity Group. All Business Critical Activities for the council are identified and named in the Corporate Business Continuity Plan (CBCP). Critical Services BCPs are reviewed thoroughly and updated annually or as and when changes occur in service areas. These are then submitted to REBR who cast a critical eye on all these plans. A process for undertaking a more detailed review of what are business critical services has been piloted with the DCPG division and is being rolled out. Some comparisons done with business critical activities identified by other authorities. BCP Strategy and Policy tailored for the council in place to meet organisational needs. The latest versions were reviewed and approved by Audit & Risk Committee in March 2019 and the review cycle is nearly complete for 2020. Training offered corporately and a number of table-top exercises recently done for specific services Risk Management/Insurance Services/REBR Team provide updates and lessons learnt on incidents to CBCT/Audit & Risk Committee as appropriate Self cert annually by Directors to confirm BCPs in place for all service areas CBCP which is reviewed annually but also updated as and when changes occur Desktop review of the Corporate Plan by insurers confirmed it is a well written plan. Internal Audit have completed an assurance review of risk management and given arrangements a high level of assurance Resilience Direct Secure Site (web based) holds CBCP and all Business Critical Activities BCPs (alongside emergency planning documentation) and is securely accessed by the CBCT and electronic logging system in place to su		2	8 Treat	 Further embedding of business continuity management approach through continued training and awareness raising. Further completion of Business Continuity tests/tabletop exercises. Complete annual review cycle for BCP Strategy and Policy Roll out the framework to review the number of Business Critical Activities and to reduce them to ensure recovery from an incident is more efficient and effective. 	3		6	Miranda Cannon	31/05/20 and ongoing

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Protection policies/procedures/ protocols are not followed	 Major loss of public confidence in the organisation. Potential litigation and financial loss to the Council. Reputational damage to the Council. With data held in a vast array of places and being transferred between supply chain partners, data becomes susceptible to loss; protection and privacy risks. Reduction in the capacity/capability to retain such data. This could also be costly. Excessive retention of data can still be requested through a Freedom of Information Act if retained. Council may not share data with the appropriate individuals/bodies accurately, securely and in a timely manner. Council fails to adequately secure/protect confidential and sensitive data held. Possibility of not being compliant with data protection legislation (GDPR, Data Protection Act 2018, PECR, HRA) 	 Clear policies and protocols in place. Staff have been trained and made aware of the Council's policies and procedures. Secure storage solutions are now in place. Paper retention has been reduced through the introduction of scanning etc. Mandatory e-learning module for staff Monthly reporting of information security incidents and weekly reporting of FOI performance to Directors in place GDPR action plan implemented and regularly reviewed 	3	3	_	Treat	 Clear and on-going communications to staff to reinforce policies and protocols. Regular review and monitoring of arrangements across services by Service Managers supported by Information Security/Governance Teams. Ensure that the policy in place around the management of electronic data and disposal of data is in the awareness of staff Ongoing review and updating of appropriate information sharing agreements. Information asset registers, Privacy Notices, policies & procedures and contract clauses regularly reviewed Data Protection and Freedom of Information training available across the Council Regular external audit of GDPR compliance in place 	3	2	6	Andy Keeling	31/05/20 and ongoing
PROCEDURES HEALTH AND SAFETY ETC Local management use discretion to apply inconsistent processes and misinterpret Corporate policies & procedures, perpetuating varying	 inefficient use of resources. Possibility of serious injury or death of member of staff or service user/members of the public. Failure to meet statutory responsibilities. Reputational damage to the Council. Negative stakeholder relationships Potential for increase in the number of insurance claims 	 Day to day management of Health and Safety responsibility rests with the Operational Directors and their Heads of Service. Corporate Health and Safety team available to assist. Risk is reported and controlled through Divisional Directors Operational Risk Registers (presented to the CMT and the Executive every 4 months and reported twice yearly to Audit and Risk Committee) and these are underpinned by registers at Heads of Service level reviewed and discussed at Divisional Management Teams quarterly. Internal Audit have undertaken an assurance review of risk management arrangements and given a high level of assurance. Regular inspections and reports by the Health and Safety team with all actions being followed up within a reasonable time. Close involvement of Trade Unions in monitoring and reviewing Health and Safety. CMT receive monthly data on the completion of SO2 incident investigations. Quarterly meeting between H&S, Risk and Insurance services to review any recent claims and incidents. Directors/HofS received corporate manslaughter training in January 2020 as part of our insurance offer Corporate Management Team receive a quarterly report on health and safety matters via the 4 monthly risk management reports Work to reduce sickness absence and support employee health and wellbeing continues to be a focus and is having a positive impact on reducing absence Current corporate equality strategy approved by Council in June 2018 which supports the Council in ensuring it meets the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty. Action plan is monitored quarterly. Updated action plan for 19/20 agreed by Executive and Scrutiny underpins continued work to deliver against the strategy. EIA training successfully being delivered with 80+ attendees so far undertaken the training. Officer decisions process now finalised and agreed and is being rolled out to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation. 		3	12	Treat	 Continue to review and reinforce key standards and policies via regular communication. Ensure Managers are appropriately trained and requirements are clearly set out in Job Descriptions and reinforced via appraisals. Ensure Audit and Ombudsman findings are acted on in a timely manner. Continue delivery against the 19/20 equalities strategy action plan including EIA training and targeted work in key areas 	4	2	8	Kamal Adatia / Miranda Cannon	31/05/20 and ongoing

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7. SAFEGUARDING Weak Management oversight of safeguarding processes in place leads to the Council failing to adequately safeguard vulnerable groups e.g. children and young people, elderly, those with physical and learning disabilities.	- Leads to high turnover of social workers and managers.	 Safeguarding Adults and Children's Boards in place. Regular reviews of policies/procedures and close supervision of staff. Range of quality assurance processes exist within the Divisions. Range of developments, including corporate training, exist within the Divisions to manage, support recruit and retain staff. Improvement Board established following the Ofsted inspection and other arrangements e.g. Performance Board set up 24/7 Duty and Advice Service in place Single assessment team in place which has resulted in a reduced caseload and more timely intervention 	5	3	15 Treat	 Board performance and framework development. Chair of Board has direct accountability through Chief Operating Officer. Regular bi-annual meetings with Mayor and Adults and Children's Lead Members. Full implementation of all necessary improvements identified via the Ofsted inspection of Children's Services - overseen by Improvement Board and Independency Chair Performance framework in place across Children's - positive progress highlighted in recent Ofsted reports Version 11 of Liquid Logic implemented successfully Adult Safeguarding and Quality Alerts process now online for care home providers and well embedded 		2	10	Caroline Tote/Ruth Lake	31/05/20 and ongoing
8. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT - The Council receives a school improvement grant for its retained statutory functions but this has been reduced year on year and will only amount to circa £200k for 2019/20. Additionally de-delegated funding from School Forum, previously allocated to support this work, will no longer be available in 2019/20. This means that the Council's capacity to both support and hold schools to account will be significantly reduced.		 Revised desk top analysis to identify potential underperformance in individual schools and settings Revised School Improvement Framework Regular reporting to DMT and LMB on schools causing concern and targeted work Self evaluation against OFSTED framework for inspection completed At risk schools discussed and warning notices considered Inspection file being collated to evidence effective and good practice in targeted work with schools. Working with most schools in the Primary sector to establish a school improvement strategy based on a school-led system and a collaborative approach to school improvement. All schools have been encouraged to carry out a safeguarding audit – some schools , considered "at risk" and/or near inspection were targeted directly and offered an audit in the Spring term of 2019. The majority of schools identified in this way took up the offer of an audit from the education safeguarding team and those that did not were followed up by the School improvement lead. Continue to explore traded services with schools where service budgets do not allow for the same levels of support as previously. Develop a strong relationship with the newly established School Improvement Leicester partnership and ensuring a strong offer of school to school support across the City. 	4	3	12 Tolerate	 Single plan implementation for RI schools Local Authority Reviews of individual schools to be negotiated Preparation for inspection to include briefing to all schools. Review induction process for new heads. Review financial controls on maintained schools (internal audit and paper to Education Board) 	4	2	8	Sue Welford	31/05/20 and ongoing

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	 Lack of resources could lead to inadequate response Impact on the public's health and wellbeing, safety/housing needs etc. Adverse impact on budget Reputational impact Death/injury Potential for increase in the number of insurance claims Negative relationships with stakeholders Fail to meet statutory requirements City Council fails to respond effectively to the requirements of Government proposals and/or legislation 	 Corporate Management of this is outlined in the Leicester Sustainable Action Plan action plan which covers all areas of management activity across the Council and its partners to reduce carbon. A new sustainability action plan is in development. Climate emergency is one of the council's top three priorities to tackle. Day to day management of climate change responsibility rests with the Operational Directors and their Heads of Service. Risk is reported and controlled through the Divisional Directors Operational Risk Registers (presented to Corporate Management Team and Executive each quarter) Local Resilience Forum (LRF) county wide partnering arrangement of which Leicester City Council is an active partner. Leicester City Council (LCC) is part of the Resilience Partnership of local authorities in LLR. LLR Health Protection Committee coordinates health protection response across LA/PHE/NHS Regular training provided via LRF and Resilience Partnership to relevant staff City Council major incident plan reviewed and signed off. A significant number of LCC senior managers provide on-call cover and are trained to do so, this is supported by an on-call function for communications and specific service areas also have out of hours emergency cover arrangements. Emergency control room fully equipped and operational at City Hall and provides a facility for both local management of emergencies and use by the LRF as a SCG venue. Tested on a number of large scale events e.g. LCFC victory parade and KR3 reinternment and specifically for LRF multiagency TCG flooding exercise. Logging system implemented to support major incident response and event management Emergency management arrangements tested a number of times in 2018 as a result of major incidents e.g. Hinckley Road and LCFC helicopter crash and were found to be robust and effective. Debriefs undertaken and lessons learnt being implemented Briefings provided to scru		3		Treat	 Public engagement and city wide flood defence programmes are being developed jointly with the Environment Agency. This provides a two-pronged approach to manage the risk of severe flooding arising from climate change LRF and Resilience Partnership arrangements continue to be reviewed Robust schedule of plan reviews and training in place and agreed via the LRF LLR-wide Health Protection Committee arrangements under review to provide assurance around management of health protection risks/ incidents and outbreaks Continue to undertake full debriefs from any incidents and ensure lessons learnt and recommendations are acted upon. 			2 8	Miranda Cannon / Ivan Brown	31/05/20 and ongoing

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RETENTION & DEVELOPMENT Lack of workforce planning and appropriate development of managers and employees leaves the	terms of the workforce to deliver the city's vision and priorities - The Council fails to maximise the potential of its key resource - Staff become demotivated/are under pressure which has an impact on productivity and delivery across the Council and increases sickness absence - Disruption to service delivery - Impacts on continuity of services. Creates risks in delivery because information on processes/procedures etc is lost - Service demands may not be met - Reputational damage - Financial impacts - Potential exposure for fraud/irregularity - Council loses knowledge, experience	 Enabling our best work programme being actively implemented rolling out new leadership qualities and embedding them into the employee lifecycle along with the roll out of the quality conversations framework for employee performance management and supporting tools and guidance around performance management and leadership Active programme of work to support young people into employment and to utilise graduates, apprenticeships, work placements etc across the Council and to maximise the use of the apprenticeship levy. Further work now to be done on guidance/framework for supporting wider development of young employees. Significant numbers of graduates and apprenticeships in place within the Council. Digital Transformation programme includes a focus on developing the digital skills and competencies within the workforce. New recruitment website is live and presents a much improved proposition to prospective employees. Ongoing action plan focusing on addressing workforce representation particularly at the most senior levels. Ongoing work around solutions in relation to hard to recruit roles. Work to reduce sickness absence and support employee health and wellbeing continues to be a focus and is having a positive impact on reducing absence 	3	3	9 Trea		 An approach to workforce planning has been piloted and dashboards developed to support divisions. This is to be reported back to CMT and used to inform further what OD interventions and L&D activity and support is needed as part of the work of the OD Team. Develop an approach to talent management within LCC Continue to roll out and embed the enabling our best work programme Continue to identify opportunities to use apprenticeship schemes in targeted areas e.g. recent launch of new apprenticeship scheme in adult social care in partnership with Warwick University 	3	2	6	Miranda Cannon / Craig Picknell	31/05/20 and ongoing
11. COMMISSIONING, CONTRACT MONITORING, MANAGEMENT & PROCUREMENT Lack of robustness in contract management & monitoring protocols/procedures/contro Is and limited awareness/understanding of contractual risks by staff within the Council, particularly by those procuring for goods/services.	 Potential for challenge/litigation and fines being incurred with associated cost/resource implications Contracts may not be adhered to. Procurement processes may not be efficient 	 Contract Procedure Rules in place along with associated guidance. Policy that all procurement over a de minimis threshold should be carried out by one of the specialist procurement teams. Professional procurement staff recruited and in post Contract Risk Management training available from RMIS Professional training for procurement staff (MCIPS) Electronic tendering system in use Procurement template documentation in use Service Analysis Team to use work to date to inform major piece of work around commissioning and contract management' 		4	12 Trea		 Revised Contract Procedure Rules going to Council for approval in March 2020 to be supported by refresh of documentation and guidance and a round of briefings/training for staff Training in procurement and contract management for staff across the Council Enhanced engagement with local business to widen portfolio of potential suppliers Complete SAT review and act on findings 	3	3	9	Kamal Adatia	31/05/20 and ongoing

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	- The council's assets may fall into disrepair, resulting in increased maintenance costs, interruption to service delivery and potential for reductions in rental, capital and asset values.	 Final Asset Management Plan developed, including lifecycle planning for schools A single corporate asset management system is now in place Asset condition survey data held on the Concerto system is used for addressing priority actions. Compliance data (fire, asbestos, water) is held on a centralised system and used to track risk Corporate Landlord Fund has provision for emergency reactive repairs Structural data is used to identify high risk building elements 	4	4	16	Tolerate	 Continued development of effective planned maintenance programme across the estate - performance measurement in place to provide assurance regarding compliance- concerto being established and populated to work as the single corporate asset management system Creation of Corporate Property Group for a single part of management , review and escalation. Development of a comprehensive building maintenance strategy to enable the prioritisation of capital improvement to reduce the backlog maintenance costs and targeted investment into critical Council properties to optimise the Council's Corporate and Operational Estates and associated incomes. EBS to undertake a full asset capture exercise to ensure data is held fully within Concerto. This will enable the Council to plan for critical replacements and therefore further reduce risk. 	3		9	Matt Wallace	31/05/20 and ongoing
smarter and more efficiently, reduce costs and deliver customer friendly services. Integration of data, workflows and systems may	 Service delivery may not be met or may be compromised Demand management may become problematic as increased population and draw on services. Service costs may increase as more demand is placed on expensive channels Demand and service costs are increased by if the end to end transformation of both the service area and the IT/data is not delivered as creating a digital presence only increases the process, rather than streamlining Reputational damage to the council as demand pressures increase Customer experience is poor, leading to complaints and an increased demand as 	 Equalities. ICT have aligned appropriate resources outside of operational delivery to specifically support digital transformation Key transformation projects have been agreed and are being undertaken and includes areas such as ICT rationalisation, data management and service based digital transformation. Key metrics agreed with the Board and being regularly reported including realisation of savings/efficiencies Work underway to look at future development of the existing open data platform. Council has signed up to the DHCLG digital declaration and is engaged with the new national Digital Collaboration Unit to support the programme including making good use of their training and events 	3	3	9	Treat	 Ensure clear communications relating to the programme Keep under review the ICT resources and approach needed to ensure the programme is able to deliver at the appropriate pace Complete development of blueprints for major transformation projects to provide a clear and longer-term routemap for the programme 	3	2	6	Miranda Cannon	31/05/20 and ongoing

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requirements for further public sector cuts, reductions in other funding streams particularly for infrastructure projects, as well as longer-term	 Further budget reductions. Impacts on major infrastructure schemes and vision around future city development. Implications in terms of treasury management. Need in future to revisit key policies and procedures Community tensions and disorder Potential for service disruption arising from supply issues, public disorder etc 	 Monitor situation closely. COO part of national reporting arrangement through regional Execs. Director DCPG identified as the Brexit Lead Officer and engaged in regular regional and national reporting. CMT completed and reported a Brexit impact assessment to Executive and Audit and Risk which was further reviewed, updated and reported to CMT and Executive in Sept/Oct 2019 and is subject to further review during January 2020. LRF undertook a detailed risk assessment relating particularly to a no-deal Brexit and put in place plans, structures and reporting regimes which have now been stood down in light of the government's agreement to the Withdrawal Agreement Bill (WAB), which will take the UK out of the EU on 31 January and moves us into a transition period. LRF will continue to monitor the situation should new risks emerge and has established plans and arrangements to respond if needed. Initial payments of grant funding from Government received to support additional workload/burden generated by Brexit 	4	3	12		 Continue to monitor and update LCC impact assessment and take appropriate actions in accordance with this. Continue to work with the LRF in managing risks Consider implications alongside future budget strategy 	3	2	6	Andy Keeling / Alison Greenhill / Miranda Cannon	and ongoing
cladding materials and fire safety measures the fire service issues a prohibition	for a potentially indeterminate period of time. - At the moment the risk to the Council would seem to be reduced as no major fire safety issues have been found. MHCLG is currently re-revising Approved Document B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations and arranging fire tests on insulation materials etc. Once the results and outcomes are known			3	9		 The fire service will provide the Council with an early indication of any buildings where a prohibition notice is likely to be issued in order that options for temporary accommodation can be considered in advance of any potential displacement. The Council and the Fire Service jointly will continue to review high rise and other buildings in the context of emerging government guidance Demolition of Goscote House due during 2019 /20 Decision taken to fit sprinklers to all LCC owned tall buildings. All other LCC owned Tower blocks to have sprinklers retro fitted from 2019 onwards 	2	3	6	Chris Burgin/John Leach	31/05/20 and ongoing

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16. ENSURING STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES Failure to provide secondary schools places in line with statutory responsibilities Uncertainty over the delivery and timing of government free schools, together with risks around the impact of Brexit, results in the city having either insufficient or a surplus of secondary school places.	- Surplus space developed which prejudices particular schools resulting in closures or that of the free school programme stalls and we find a lack of places, with subsequent impact on our legal duty, the education of children and the reputation of the Council. - This would also carry financial impact in terms of emergency mitigation measures required.	 We are reviewing our projections constantly to ensure we maintain a balance of supply and demand. We now have in place clear check points throughout the year such as offer day, October census, on time applications which allow clear touch point and review periods to ensure close monitoring of places We have established governance in relation to the free school programme. We have monthly meetings, clear governance around programme risk and cost so we understand as LA where we are on the free schools programme. We are continuing to have dedicated officers work with the DFE to maintain oversight of the programme. At the moment we have established a balanced approach to pupil place provision, between temporary places, permanent places and a programme of planned places. This is under constant review, however this approach provides the local authority the opportunity to be very flexible around supply, oversupply and future demand. Future projections and modelling of places is now reviewed by a third party as part of the verification process to ensure any projections and this has helped the LA established historical patterns and a larger sample of housing yield. National data sets used to triangulate local needs, such as NHS projected birth data and GP registrations. Regular DFE meetings in place to discuss need across the city and collaborate around future free school. DFE meetings and outputs in terms of future wave projections are considered within the pupil places allowing a complete picture to be understood. Officers monitor the approved free school programme applications, to ensure programmes remain on track around place provision delivery and operate any contingency mechanisms should slippage occur Working with secondary schools around the city to facilitate temporary provision of space to accommodate larger classes. Full team in place to work alongside DFE to help support the delivery of additional spaces through the current government prog	3	3	9	Treat	 Following a review of the pupil place planning team we are now recruiting and placing further resource into this area to strengthen our oversight, Closer working relationship with trusts, DFE and the RSCs offices, Education board established to ensure greater scrutiny and understanding of pupil place risks and standards. Great clarity on data sets and impacts of other element, such as Brexit on student and cohort class room growth in the city, Data reviews received frequently but sufficient control measures currently in place Should additional resource be required this will be put in place Close working with both school in the city and government programme is continuing to ensure sufficient places are provided. 		3 2	6	Richard Sword	31/05/20 and ongoing				
17. SUPPORT FOR PUPILS WITH SEND Following a Local Area Review of SEND in Spring 2018, a written statement of action was required in order to show how improvement would be brought about. These improvements need to be achieved in the context of significant financial pressures on the High Needs Block (HNB) which will require the Council to reduce expenditure on SEND for 2019/20 when reserves of the HNB are exhausted.		There have already been four joint review meetings with DfE and CCG and in the last such meeting it was concluded that good progress is being made against action points. - In relation to budget pressures, a report was commissioned by an external consultant in which options have been put forward for reductions in spend for mainstream school top ups and special schools. In addition, savings are being looked at from staffing and reductions agreed in relation to vacant posts in the first instance. - On the WSOA improvements, there is a significant amount of improvement work taking place, including quality assuring of EHCPs and work with schools to secure better educational outcomes for pupils with SEND.	3	4	12	Treat	- In relation to budget pressures, options will need to be considered for a possible restructure of SEND staffing in line with statutory and non statutory functions.	2	4	8	Richard Sword	31/05/20 and ongoing				