



AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	Environmental Services – Risk Register
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Audit Committee Meeting Date:	9 th January 2012
Policy Document: No	No
Directorate:	Environment and Culture
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr Caswell

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Audit Committee with a copy of the Environmental Services risk register for it to review.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That audit committee review the environmental services risk register.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 The process of strategic business reviews was approved by Cabinet in December 2008 as the council's main vehicle for addressing major areas for improvement and delivering better value for money across all service areas.

3.1.2 As a result of a strategic business review of the council's waste management, street care and grounds maintenance services, a decision was taken in July 2009 to jointly procure a contract for the delivery of these services in partnership with Daventry District Council.

3.1.3 A robust procurement process took place, leading to the awarding of a joint contract, with our partner Daventry District Council, to Enterprise Managed Services Ltd (EMS).

- 3.1.4 The contract was signed in April 2011 and went live in June 2011.
- 3.1.5 After initial teething problems arising from the major change delivered by the contract, the contract has bedded in well.
- 3.1.6 Priority has been given to getting the contract right on the ground, although it has been fully recognised that sustainable success will only be achieved if effective contract management arrangements are in place.
- 3.1.7 Such arrangements include the development and maintenance of a robust risk register, which has been produced with the assistance of the corporate risk manager.

3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 Issues are as indicated in the attached risk register (Appendix 1).
- 3.2.2 Audit committee is asked to note that this is the council's risk register for managing the risk associated with managing our environmental services contract. It is not EMS's risk register.

3.3 Choices (Options)

- 3.3.1 Audit committee can choose to comment on and make recommendations about the risk register.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

- 4.1.1 There are no direct policy or financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Resources and Risk

- 4.2.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.
- 4.2.2 There are no risks arising from this report.

4.3 Legal

- 4.3.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Equality

- 4.4.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 The portfolio holder for environment has been consulted on this report.

4.6 Other Implications

4.6.1 None.

5. Background Papers

5.1 None

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