

CORPORATE RISK REGISTER
Q4 MARCH 2019

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1	Failure to deliver a balanced budget 19/20 – 22/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council unable to deliver sufficient savings to balance budget • Major projects don't deliver planned benefits • Complacency in the organisation • Increased organisational change and complexity • Changes in govt. funding particularly NNDR • Complex challenges of addressing both the controllable and uncontrollable pressures and events that can act on both income and expenditure • Challenges of working with partnership or arms- length organisations where there is a loss of direct management control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability to set a legal budget • Depleted Reserves • Need to realise capital receipts • Inability to deliver services to meet customer need/demand and expectations of the Council 	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review reserves strategically • Robust monitoring of budgets by services and taking early remedial action where issues identified. • Management Board action to limit spending where appropriate and communicate to staff on spending restrictions • 19/20 draft budget proposed • Quarterly financial reporting to Cabinet • Regular financial reporting to the Management Board • Regular monthly financial monitoring (incl. projections) • Finance Away Days for Boards and HoS 	12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust Medium Term Financial Plan review (September 2018 – January 2019) • Cabinet and CMB had a workshop in October and November to consider the Budget for 19/20 and future years and consider what options may be available to manage or mitigate the future pressures. • Budget 19/20 set and balanced. • Residual risk 20/21 onwards but can be managed. 	4	CFO (S151)	Updated by CFO April 2019

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2	<p>Projects may be instigated outside normal process where there is a lack of clarity around Member and Officer roles.</p> <p>Reputational damage may occur should promises to the public by Members not be realised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members and Senior Officers roles (formulating and administrating policy respectively) are not always clear The culture does not resonantly promote a separation of the respective roles and duties of members and officers Officers feel inhibited in giving full, objective, professional and technical advice to Members in charged political atmospheres Officers in their role seek to frustrate the strategic choices, policy and direction-setting of Members Weak management of Members by leadership in the past 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant decision-making with significant outcomes and impacts is not robust and is not properly administered or processed by the organisation The intended outcomes and objectives of decisions are not achieved or are achieved in sub-optimal terms Maladministration occurs The control environment is weakened and controls could be bypassed Potential for reputational damage and loss of public and stakeholder confidence Regulatory criticism Legal challenge may be made and increased costs incurred 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Constitution (incl. the Member-Officer Protocol) Cabinet reporting system Scheme of Delegation Contract Procedure Rules EPB set up to aid interface between Members and Officers. Weekly meeting with CMB and Cabinet to discuss general updates and any potential issues/gaps in information communicated. Review of EPB terms of reference (Sept 2018) Independent review by BDO as the internal auditors. 	20	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of Member-Officer Protocol audit recommendations following BDO review (by May 19) Provision of training on Member-Officer Protocol (by May 19) Corporate training to Officers plus briefings to all staff to reiterate the standards to be enforced (by June 18) 	12	Borough Secretary	Updated by Borough Secretary April 2019

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3	Inadequate succession planning, capacity and retention leading to service disruptions/non delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salaries not competitive with LAs outside the local catchment area Reputation of the Council is not positive Perception of organisational instability Continual cost cutting Drift in staff morale Differing levels of engagement within the organisation Historic failure and disconnect of leadership to engage with staff Impact of unitary causing uncertainty Lack of HR strategic profile in the organisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inability to recruit to roles (particularly key roles) Inability to retain staff (particularly key talent staff) Depressed staff morale Increased staffing costs due to agency/interim costs Staff leaving (particularly key staff) take their organisational knowledge out of the organisation when they leave No succession planning is possible particularly around specialist and qualified posts Reduced organisational effectiveness and performance Lack of organisational resilience 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment process changed eg. to advertise more widely, use of dynamic job ads and increase use of specialised agencies to find permanent staff or fixed term applicants Benefit of council pension scheme headlined to attract staff Performance appraisal rewards highly effective staff Family friendly policies, eg maternity and paternity leave Generous holiday allowance Subsidised car-parking Guildhall location Flexible working hours New Chief Executive recruited (should this come out now or be re-worded?) Inflation pay rises provided 	12	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of staff Terms and Conditions (May 2019) Review of performance appraisal process (May 2019) Investigating the use of one common method of job evaluation (May 2019) A number of initiatives in wellbeing and communication being considered for deployment (On-going) Roll-out of Leadership Development Programme (On-going) Introduction of talent management and succession process (May 2019) Promote unitary as an opportunity for development (September 2018 – May 2019) CMB is considering all options to reduce the risk and any impact, CMB is being informed by views from MTUCM Uncertainty around Unitary may increase risk. Regular reporting on use of interims and spend	9	CFO (S151)	Updated by CFO April 2019
4	Inability to meet and manage the demands of homelessness in the Borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant increases in the numbers of people who are homeless Significant increases in the number of people in temporary accommodation (TA) Welfare reform, eg. extension of the benefit cap reducing affordability of housing Households loss of private rented accommodation Difficulty in accessing private rented accommodation Shortage of social rented housing Homelessness Reduction Act increasing use of TA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased demand leads to significantly greater costs for the Council Follow-on significant budgetary overspend occurs Pressure of financial impact of overspend of c£1.5m More homelessness applications Increased statutory duty to rehouse Increases of numbers of people in BB and TA accommodation 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rigorous budget monitoring in place Regular financial reporting to Management Board, Portfolio-Holder & Cabinet Additional resources allocated (£100K for staffing) Increase in allocated TA budget (£300K) Two officers now focussing exclusively on TA 	10	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare Cabinet report to set out position statement for TA (February 2019) Prepare proposals to further mitigate cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy for procuring cheap accommodation Slow demand restructure of Housing & options team (January 2019) Budget increases 19/20 for service provision and improved staffing levels. 	10	Head of Housing	Updated by Head of Housing Dec 2018

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5	Failure to manage, deliver or expose new risks as result of poor project management practice. Reputational damage possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of a clearly-defined project management governance structure Lack of written procedures and related compliance as a source of assurance Inadequate checks and balances Inadequate project documentation maintained - business cases in particular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrong decisions made on an unviable business case Continual review of projects – stopping unviable projects Reputation Financial costs Pressure on resources Pay back on investment funds if not delivering 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway reviews conducted and reported to CMB for approval More robust governance processes (as per above risk on governance) Completion of Project Management Framework document Highlight reports reported monthly to CMB Project Managers are made accountable for reporting issues and risks to the Head of Economy, Assets and Culture 	12	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop and install more robust governance processes (Ongoing) Review of project management documentation to simplify and make it easier for reporting purposes (April 2019). 	4	Head of Economy, Assets and Culture	Updated by Head of Economy, Assets and Culture April 2019
6	Legal obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 (and also the superseding GDPR EU Regulations in 2018) are breached and there is inappropriate access and/or disclosure, corruption or loss of data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not implementing the new EU data protection legislation Lack of staff knowledge of policy and procedure Ineffective implementation of GDPR Regulation requirements Lack of an implementation plan for GDPR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data breaches Prosecution Fines Lack of confidence and public trust Reputational issues Member criticism 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data sweeps Data governance Staff awareness Campaigns/refresher online training Data Protection Policy update May 2018 Follow up actions and lessons learnt communication to all staff through newsletters/all staff emails GDPR implementation plan in place Inclusion within re-launched corporate induction 	9	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with training on GDPR refresher courses for officers and members (ongoing) review and update of all policies and procedures (ongoing) Implement improved management of data storage (December 2018) Data audits (March 2019) BDO Internal Audit review (May/June 2019) 	3	Governance & Risk Manager	Reviewed by Governance & Risk Manager April 2019
7	There are no clear plans for improving the economic prosperity and regeneration of Northampton.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of skilled resource and vision Lack of local knowledge LGR creates political uncertainties No cohesive decision making in relation to regeneration strategy for Northampton between Officers and Members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investors not investing in the town or pulling out of partnership arrangements Jeopardising current and future regeneration and growth projects Damage to Northampton as a place of choice 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons-learned reviews being held Improved reporting through to CMB and EPB Plans being developed in terms of QA and process and service capability in structure 	12	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of Economic Growth Strategy (May 2019) Town Centre regeneration strategy being developed by new partnership 'Northampton Forward' Expression of interest for Government Town Centre Fund submitted (March 2019) Development of growth team 	2	Head of Economy, Assets and Culture	Updated by Head Economy, Assets and Culture April 2019

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8	NBC fails to manage its contractual partnerships with: • LGSS • NPH • NLT • Veolia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of direct management control over activities Poor governance Lack of contract monitoring at officer level Lack of quality control Performance monitoring information is not developed Poor contract specification and understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services not delivered to quality, time and cost Failure in fulfilling legal responsibilities Hindering the achievement of the councils objectives Negative impact to customers and stakeholders reputational risk to NBC 	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking remedial action where required e.g. HR and Payroll coming back in-house Quarterly reports and meetings 	9	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> robust contract monitoring and quality control Continual review of LGSS contract Holistic/virtual team of contract managers to share good practice 	8	CFO (S151)	Reviewed by CFO April 2019
9	Major or large scale incident (accident, natural hazard, riot or act of terrorism) business interruption affecting the council resources and its ability to deliver services and risk to safety of staff and loss of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accident, natural hazard, riot or act of terrorism or other business interruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of business continuity Council not able to deliver front-line services Council failing to meet statutory responsibilities Risk of safety to staff and loss of staff Customer needs not being met 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated business continuity strategy and business continuity plans partially in place only for all services with some services remaining outstanding Refreshed Critical Incident Plan Emergency Planning Work-streams facilitated by Emergency Planning lead including town centre evacuation procedures Establishment of Gold and Silver duty rota (Reviewed Oct 2018) Review of high-rise buildings in the borough post-Grenfell On-going improvements identified and implemented as a result of participation in national and local exercises eg Cygnus (flu-pandemic) and Jerboa (flooding) exercises Involved in London Bridge briefings London Bridge guidance notes updated April 2019 Follow up briefing given to NBC key officers by CEO. Emergency Roles and responsibilities paper presented to CMB to address staffing shortages in the duty rota. Review concluded Dec 18 and shortage addressed. Training rolled out via LRF for all new Gold/Silver persons (Oct – Jan 2019) 	12	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing work to ensure all services at the Council put in place a business continuity strategy and plan (On-going) Continuing improvements to BC and Emergency Planning procedures to be implemented post operations e.g. 2018 Floods (on-going) Clarify arrangements for business continuity responsibility for key partner organisations (On-Going) Identification and risk assessments of reception centres (Dec 18) Specific exercise for NBC colleagues to be developed (Dec 2018) and then delivered (June 2019) 	9	CEO	Updated by CEO April 2019

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10	Impropriety or improper business activities leading to fraudulent activity or malpractice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGSS services returning - HR and Payroll - shifting accountabilities • Lack of robust governance, procedure or process • Lack of robust internal controls • Inadequate reviews by internal audit on financial controls • No assurance from LGSS on effectiveness of controls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoidable financial loss • Criminal prosecution • Civil litigation • Fines • Lack of confidence from staff or public • Reputational damage • Member criticism 	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counter-fraud strategy in place • NBC Fraud policy in place • Section 151 controls • Review of policy and procedure • Review of LGSS Finance SLA and process • Whistleblowing Policy approved by Council 	16	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBC fraud policy to be reviewed (May 2019) • Quarterly balance sheet reviews of financial controls within LGSS (year end to be reported to NBCby LGSS internal audit April/May 2019) • gain assurance of controls through contract management of LGSS and internal audit. New suite of KPI's to be developed (May 2019) 	10	Governance & Risk Manager	Reviewed by Governance & Risk Manager April 2019
11	Significant decisions made at Council and Cabinet level are not sufficiently robust leading to ill informed decisions being made.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate governance • Inadequate checks and balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil litigation, including judicial review • Lack of confidence from staff or public • Court cases • Ombudsman reviews 	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional/Increased cabinet clearance protocols in place • Reworked clearance processes • EPB Officer/Member interface in operation to ensure greater understanding prior to cabinet/council meetings • Cabinet reports cleared by CMB 	12	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reviews of Democratic Services (March 2019) • Increased capacity in democratic Services (April 2019) • Completeness now a higher indicator than recorded date. 	10	Borough Secretary	Updated by Borough secretary April 2019
12	Inability of IT to service future requirements and or loss of IT due to failure or cyber-attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor governance • Lack of contract monitoring • Lack of quality control • Increased external cyber attack numbers and complexity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services not being delivered to customers • Business interruption • Inefficient business processes and technology not adequately exploited 	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current LGSS SLA with IT to see what can be improved and remedial action taken • IT policies and procedures reviewed and refreshed • Review of IT equipment and infrastructure • PSN Compliance achieved • Lessons-learned review implemented following ransomware attacks in 2016/17 • Completion of LGA stocktake as at 31st August 2018. 	10	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Governance Meetings (On-going) • ICT Client Meetings to assess relationships and risks (On-going) • LGA stocktake results action plan implementation - 51% completed as at 31/3/19 	10	CFO (S151)	Reviewed by CFO April 2019

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13	There is non-compliance with fire and Health and Safety legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of a clear strategy Processes not followed Audits and inspections not completed in a timely manner Recommendations not escalated or followed up by service areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing lack of a clear strategy /strategic direction Death or injury to public or staff Criminal prosecution or civil litigation Service stopped Loss of public trust Action by H & S executive or Northants Fire and Rescue Fines to organisation Corporate manslaughter charges Insurance claims Financial loss 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Health & Safety Group set up and in place Upskilling of managers in terms of H&S responsibilities Audit & Inspection Framework in place H&S Matrix in place cross-referencing role profiles to required H&S training Review of H&S policies and procedures and refreshed where appropriate Refresher staff comms and training Fire Marshal training completed Implementation of mandatory on-line training courses for all staff Corporate Health Safety and Wellbeing Policy presented to Council and signed off on 9th July 2018. Creation of a H & S Committee Restructure of the H & S delivery and service (2018) 	9	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and engagement with staff through October information/training sessions (On-going) Continued progress with H & S audits and inspections Active engagement through H & S Committee of management, H & S Officers, staff and TU's. 	6	Governance & Risk Manager	Updated by Governance & Risk Manager April 2019
14	Safeguarding arrangements are not adequate to protect or address concerns of vulnerable adults and children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff lack of awareness of procedure or referral route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children or vulnerable adults harmed or put at risk of harm Criminal prosecution or civil litigation Seriously damaging reputation or NBC 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures and referral routes reviewed and refreshed where necessary Refreshed procedures and referral routes communicated Designated Officer for Safeguarding as point of contact in place Series of presentations on CSE, including with Members and staff, to build awareness Increased joint working with County Council (Rise Team), other boroughs and districts, including with community safety. licencing and social landlords Scrutiny Review of CSE in the Borough Scrutiny Review gone to Cabinet Established an NBC officer group for tackling CSE. 	9	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel Watch exercise to be rolled out in conjunction with the Rise Team (March 2019) Full implementation of recommendations arising from the above Cabinet report (June 2019) Response to scrutiny review (December 2018) Implementation of audit recommendations from Safeguarding audit (July 2019) 	9	Head of Housing	Updated by Head of Housing 5th December 2018

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15	Failure to deliver enough new housing to meet targets and needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local housing market housebuilders not wanting to devalue their product by flooding the market increasing land values Scarcity of experienced trades people and of materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not delivering enough housing to meet local demand Increase in homelessness and demand for temporary housing Failure to meet local targets Failure to meet Housing Delivery Test resulting in increased targets Potential loss of decision making role Inability to resist housing proposals in unsustainable locations 	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secured Planning Delivery Funding to recruit Housing Delivery Manager to liaise with housebuilders and establish what is delaying delivery Regular monitoring of local and market area delivery Flexible approach to planning applications Investigating investment in infrastructure to open up allocated sites and accelerate delivery Development of a Growth Deal to secure additional resources for affordable housing, infrastructure and capacity, and planning freedoms Promotion of role within Growth Corridor Cabinet approval of £4.2m Dallington relief road September 2018. DevCo formation October 2018 	9	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-focus the Housing Delivery project to develop the Strategic Plan evidence base. Develop action plan (Spring 2019) Growth Deal submitted October 2018, but not supported by MHCLG/treasury. Currently seeking feedback on the Deal and how to progress it but MHCLG have failed to respond with agreed timescales HRA cap lifted. Limitation now is capacity to deliver and the sites available. 	9	Head of Planning	Updated by Head of Planning April 2019
16	REMOVED Q3 2018: LGR risk, to be included within the main LGR project risk register										
17a	NEW RISK: Impact of Brexit on NBC services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brexit deal/no deal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a direct impact on NBC services directly 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Brexit information Continual CMB checking on services/staffing 2 hour training for all of CMB in Jan/Feb 2019 	4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed several times at CMB Change to: Standing Agenda item between January and April 2019 Updated Briefing Note being developed Regular Government and Regional updates 	4	CMB	Updated April 2019

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17b	NEW RISK: Impact of Brexit on Northampton economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brexit deal/no deal Uncertainty of timing of Brexit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply chain and people impact on businesses Economic impact drives up benefit claims 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring of Brexit information Regular communications with major employers 2 hour training for all of CMB in Jan/Feb 2019 	6	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed several times at CMB in October/November Change to: Standing Agenda item between January and April 2019 Updated Briefing Note being developed Regular Government and Regional updates Updates via LRF for the wider County preparedness 	6	CMB	Updated April 2019