

**Extract from the draft minutes of the Cabinet meeting of 4 September 2019**

**378. 2018/19 Year End Review of Risk Management**

The Assistant Director Policy and Corporate submitted a report a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Councillor Willetts attended and with the consent of the Chairman, addressed the Cabinet to express his concern about the presentation of risks in the Risk Matrix. It was noted that of the risks identified a large majority were above the risk tolerance limit. Risks outside the risk tolerance limit should be exceptional and this suggested that the process was flawed. The Council needed to better understand which of its processes or policies were really at significant risk.

Councillor King, Portfolio Holder for Business and Resources, indicated that the Council had a well managed risk management policy in order to safeguard the Council's position. Whilst the point made by Councillor Willetts was understood, it indicated that a cautious and prudent approach was taken to risk management.

*RESOLVED* that:-

- (a) The Council's progress and performance in managing risk during the period April 2018 to March 2019 be noted.
- (b) The proposed risk management strategy for 2019/20 be approved.

*RECOMMENDED to FULL COUNCIL* that the Risk Management Strategy be included in the Council's Policy Framework.

**REASONS**

Cabinet has overall ownership of the risk management process and is responsible for endorsing its strategic direction. Therefore, the risk management strategy states that Cabinet should receive an annual report on progress and should formally agree any amendments to the strategy itself.

During the year progress reports are presented to the Governance and Audit Committee, detailing work undertaken and current issues. This report was presented to the Governance and Audit Committee on 30 July 2019, where referral to this meeting was approved.

The Risk Management Strategy is one of the key corporate governance documents that supports the Constitution of the Council, and forms part of the Policy Framework. Accordingly, any amendments must be approved by Full Council.

## *ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS*

No alternative options were proposed.