

**TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
28 July 2008**

**From:** Chief Finance Officer

**Lead Member:** Lead Member Resources: Councillor G K Robinson

**Ward Member:** All Wards

**Subject: RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides members with an update on the arrangements in place to manage the corporate risks to the authority, to provide assurance that these risks are being considered and managed.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**2.1 It is recommended that**

**2.1.1 The current position with regards to corporate risks and the arrangements in place to manage those risks is noted.**

**3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES/KEY PRIORITIES**

**3.1 Priority: Improving Together**

**3.2 Ambition: Maximising Resources**

**3.3 Outcome: Improved governance arrangements**

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Monitoring the effective development and operation of risk management in the Council is included in the terms of reference for the Audit and Governance Committee. This is achieved through quarterly updates on progress against planned improvements and the review of the corporate risk register to ensure that it is being managed effectively.

**5.0 UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

5.1 The Risk Management Group has been incorporated in to the Corporate Management Team with other senior managers attending as required, and with the Lead Member for Resources and the risk champion from the Audit and Governance Committee attending

quarterly. This change ensures that the corporate risk register is being reviewed by the managers that are responsible for it, and that decisions can be taken where necessary. The increased member input provides challenge to the process and results in increased risk awareness in the two committees with the most risk management responsibilities – Executive Committee and Audit and Governance Committee.

- 5.2 Departmental management teams now receive support on a monthly basis from internal audit in reviewing and updating their service risk registers. A full independent review of all of the service risk registers will be undertaken by the Council’s external risk and insurance consultant in the next few weeks to reassure managers that all of the significant risks facing their services are contained in their risk registers and to provide advice on managing those risks.
- 5.3 Risk assessments contained within committee reports will also be reviewed early in August and training will be provided to managers on completing the assessments, and to members on understanding and challenging them.

**6.0 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER**

- 6.1 The corporate risk register has been reviewed monthly throughout the year. The most recent review was completed on 9 June 2008 and the next review is scheduled for 21 July 2008.
- 6.2 The corporate risk register is attached as Appendix A and the corresponding risk chart at Appendix B for members’ information.

**7.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 Financial Implications: None
- 7.2 Risk:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Implications</b>
Members are not fully informed on risk management arrangements	Service Delivery	Members are not able to review risk management arrangements effectively. Members can not be assured that the organisation’s risks are being managed effectively.
Risk management arrangements are not embedded within the organisation	Service Delivery	Decisions are made without the full implications being considered. The organisation may fail in delivering its services and objectives. Avoidable disruption to service delivery occurs. Resources are wasted through reactively managing

		foreseeable issues.
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7.3 Equality and Diversity: None

7.4 Human Resources: None

7.5 Community Safety: None

7.6 Legal Issues: None

**Background papers:**

1. None

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