

Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. The current Risk Management Strategy is due to expire in April 2026. A light-touch review has taken place, and minimal changes have been made.
- 1.2. The Council's Risk Management Strategy forms the framework within which risks are identified, articulated, assessed and managed. Identified risks are reviewed monthly by Managers, bi-monthly by Assistant Directors, and twice a year by the Risk Management Group and Governance Scrutiny Group.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Governance Scrutiny Group:

- a) Considers the attached draft Risk Management Strategy for 2026-2029
- b) Approves the Risk Management Strategy for 2026-2029.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. To provide guidance on the review of the Risk Management Strategy and the Council's approach to risk management to demonstrate good governance.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1. Rushcliffe Borough Council takes risk management seriously and has had a Risk Management Strategy since 2010. This Strategy provides guidance and assurances that are used in order to identify, mitigate and control risks that have potential impact on the strategic and operational business of the Council.
- 4.2. The Council's Internal Audit provider BDO provided training for key officers in 2024, to follow up on training provided in 2022, 2019 and 2016. They have also provided training for members of the Governance Scrutiny Group this evening prior to the meeting.
- 4.3. A significant review of the Strategy was undertaken in 2023. Taking this into consideration, and the prospect of Local Government Reorganisation in the near future, a light-touch review of the Strategy has been undertaken. There have been no

major changes in good practice, legislation or Council risk appetite.

- 4.4. A revised Risk Management Strategy is presented at Appendix One.

5. Risks and Uncertainties

- 5.1. Maintaining a responsive risk register is essential to the Council's ability to manage potential risks focusing attention on controls and mitigating actions.

6. Implications

6.1. Financial Implications

Risk Management training will be met from the Council's existing budgets.

Indirectly a more robust risk management process will ensure financial risks are minimised.

6.2. Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications.

6.3. Equalities Implications

The risk of not complying with Equalities legislation is an active risk on the Council's risk register and is monitored and reviewed regularly.

6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no direct implications.

6.5. Biodiversity Net Gain

There are no direct implications.

7. Link to Corporate Priorities

The Environment	The report links to all key themes within the Corporate Strategy
Quality of Life	
Efficient Services	
Sustainable Growth	

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Background papers available for Inspection:	
List of appendices:	Appendix One – Draft Risk Management Strategy 2026-2029