

**Report to:** Audit Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 16 March 2011  
**Report of:** Head of Strategic Finance  
**Title:** Risk Management

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### 1.0 **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides an update regarding risk management across the Council and is structured in three parts:
- Quarterly report of the Corporate Risk Manager (Appendix1)
  - Risk Management Strategy (Appendix 2)
  - Future arrangements for risk management

### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is requested to note the quarterly report and future arrangements for risk management.
- 2.2 The Audit Committee is requested to approve the Risk Management Strategy at (Appendix 2).

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### 3.0 **Detailed Proposals**

- 3.1 The Quarterly report of the corporate risk manager is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The Revised Risk Management Strategy is attached at **Appendix 2**
- 3.3.1 With regard to future arrangements for risk management it is essential that risk management processes need to be reviewed on a regular basis and that an annual programme of learning and development must be maintained. Due to the need to identify budget efficiencies, the two days a week advice provided by the

Corporate Risk Manager (a Hertsmere employee) will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

3.3.2 The opportunity has been taken to update risk management as far as possible before her departure. The Head of Strategic Finance will now become the principal adviser both for Risk Management and Business Continuity Planning. In reality he will now be principally supported by Laxmi Curwen for RM, and Clive Fairchild and Phillip le Grove for BCP.

#### 4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

##### 4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that the risk management budget has been reduced by £46k in 2011/2012. There is a residual provision of £10k to enable a rolling programme of training (using external facilitation) to continue during the coming year.

##### 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there are no direct legal implications arising out of this report.

##### 4.3 **Potential Risks**

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<b>Potential Risk Score</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Overall</b>
<i>A deterioration in risk management Processes and arrangements could Expose the council to considerable risk</i>	2	3	6