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Date: Tuesday, 26 March 2019

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Place: Committee Rooms 2 and 3, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford,

M32 0TH

A G E N D A PART I Pages

9. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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To consider a report of the Audit and Assurance Manager.

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Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors B. Brotherton (Chair), E. Patel (Vice-Chair), C. Boyes, J. Dillon, P. Lally, A. Mitchell, J. Slater and Platt.

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Agenda Item 9

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Accounts and Audit Committee

Date: 26 March 2019 Report for: Information

Report of: Audit and Assurance Manager

Report Title

Strategic Risk Register 2018/19 (March 2019 update)

Summary

The Accounts and Audit Committee is asked to consider this report which provides an update on the strategic risk environment, setting out developments relating to the management of each of the Council's strategic risks.

Recommendation

The Accounts and Audit Committee reviews this report.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Mark Foster – Audit & Assurance Manager. Extension: 1323

Mike Sullivan – Senior Audit & Assurance Officer **Extension:** 1564

Background Papers:

None

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

- 1.1 The Council's Strategic Risk Register (SRR) contains the strategic risks the Council is likely to face in achieving its high level corporate objectives.
- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's Risk Management Policy, the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) provides regular periodic updates on the strategic risk environment and in particular performance in managing the specific risks incorporated within the SRR.
- 1.3 This report is based on information provided by risk owners in February 2019 for each risk unless otherwise stated.

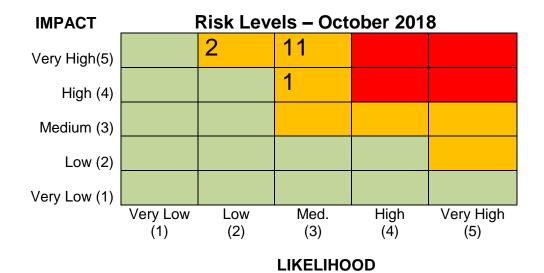
2. <u>THE STRATEGIC RISK ENVIRONMENT – RISK EXPOSURE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT</u>

- 2.1 The Council continues to review and monitor its strategic risks. Given the challenges faced by the Council going forward, it is acknowledged that it will need to continue to review its approach to risk and risk management as risks change and potentially higher risks arise. Progress has continued to be made in addressing the strategic risks as detailed in this report.
- 2.2 The Audit & Assurance Service liaised with CLT and senior managers to agree the risks to be included in the strategic risk register and provide updates on risks under their remit, including progress in managing these risks. Section 3 of this report contains an update on the strategic risks identified. (The Accounts and Audit Committee previously received an update in October 2018).
- 2.3 The risk chart on page 4 shows an analysis of the current strategic risks. The chart analyses the levels of risk exposure in terms of impact and likelihood. The number of strategic risks for each risk level is shown. There are now 14 strategic risks.
- 2.4 For each risk listed in Section 3, this includes the relevant Executive Portfolio and Service Directorate, reflecting the changes in these during the year.
- 2.5 Since the previous update:
 - One new risk has been added in relation to the risk of the Council failing to adequately prepare for the possible impact of the UK leaving the European Union. (See Risk 1 in Section 3).
 - Strategic Risk 1 in the October 2018 update relating to the integration between Trafford Council and Trafford CCG failing to meet its objectives -Given developments in this area, including the appointment of a separate Accountable Officer for Trafford CCG, this risk has been removed from the strategic risk register.

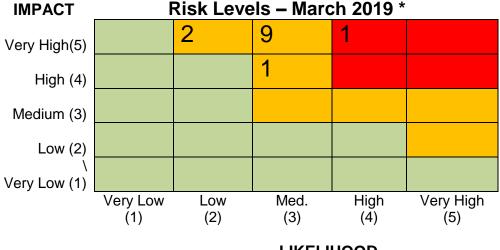
The risk exposure score for the following risk has increased:

- Joint Venture Partner (SR11) increased from a medium risk score of 15 to a high risk score of 20.
- 2.6 The timing of future Strategic Risk Register update reports to CLT and the Accounts and Audit Committee in 2019/20 will be planned as part of agreeing the Accounts and Audit Committee work programme for the coming year.

Comparison of Risk Levels October 2018 and March 2019



Risk Levels – March 2019 *



LIKELIHOOD

High Risk Medium Risk Low Risk

* Note: Strategic Risk 1 is not included on the above chart - risk score to be confirmed.

3. Strategic Risks (March 2019)

	Red		Amber		Green
Risk	Strategic Risk Title /(Directorate/ Portfolio)	Risk Score / Level / Direction of Travel	Management of Risk - Direction of Travel ** (Refer to the key at the end of the report for a detailed explanation)	Comme	ents
1	Failure to prepare for Brexit, including a 'no-deal' scenario. (Authority-wide)	(Score to be confirmed)	N/A	prepare Areas of of busin investme of staff i shortage Overall i borough adverse The Cou formalis acting a monitori addition establish mechan mitigate Council. help dea econom As an ex Adult So Nation which meeti NHS Plann meeti Traffo Busin Traffo Socia	National/Regional Brexit Contingency ing which includes attendance at relevangs. Ind Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ess Continuity Planning (BCP). Ind Council BCP. West Association of Directors of Adult I Services (NWADASS). The also progressing the implementation of

			 Development of an outline processed in the capacity of ASC to demands; reliance on EU funding business and economy workforce and skills; procurement, supplies statutory duties and processed impact of Brexit on Trafford workforce, commissioned workforce, commissioned workforce, commissioned workforce. 	meet other i; impacts; and services, and; actice implications. nd Skills, including Council ASC
			 Distribution of Workforce Sultiverpool Authority across of services. Making provision for workfor Brexit. Development of advice and staff and service users. Consideration of longer termasco. 	ommissioned rce issues related to information for ASC
n d a re te a v	The Council does not fulfil its statutory duties and all accompanying policy requirements in terms of identifying and safeguarding vulnerable children. (Children's Services Children's Services).	15 Medium (No change).	There is a Sustainability Procechange delivery models within Care. Child Protection number decreased slightly in Q4 2018 manageable level. In Q3 we in model of CP conferences whin numbers on a plan. Children is continue to be higher than our neighbours, but we remain state context of other LA's nationall significant rise. We have work and develop our workforce off and development opportunities year. We have additional investment innovate and have two key proper need for adolescents to come. Our temporary Multi-Agency For Improvement Team as part of programme is helping the sempractice and drive improvement approaches to improve outcomes ignificantly contributed towar Ofsted outcome. A new set of Inspection Frame Children's Services. We will not set to the sempractice of the programme in the province of the programme is the province outcomes.	a Children's Social ers have now /19 to a more mplemented a new ch will affect initially n Care numbers r statistical able within the wider y seeing a led hard to retain ering strong training s during the last at from DfE to ojects reducing the into care. Review and our Sustainability vice review existing ints to our mes and ds our positive

				three different unannounced inspection processes over the next three years. The focussed 'visit' from Ofsted in July 2018 was positive and praised strong leadership at council level and strong multi agency working. There are also changes for both the Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards with a Joint Board Chair for both children and adults. The Safeguarding Board staff team have been through a formal Consultation to make them into one team and gaps are now being recruited to. As part of our Sustainability Programme we continue to see the benefits from our Review and Improvement Team which support the service review existing practice and drive improvements to our approaches to improve outcomes for children.
				Measures: Monthly meetings of the Director of Children's Services Safeguarding Group. Biannual safeguarding children assurance meetings with the Chief Executive, Leader and Executive Member. Rigorous Performance Management and Quality Assurance through robust leadership processes.
3	Demand for school places underestimated and/ or additional school places are not delivered to satisfy increased demand. (Children's Services / Children's Services).	15 Medium (No change).	*	 The demand for primary and secondary school places continues to be monitored and capital resources allocated to ensure sufficient places are provided to meet our statutory duty. Public consultation for how SEND Provision Capital Funding allocation of £1.75m for 2018-2021 can be spent to create new places or improve facilities in existing provision has been completed focusing on 6 schemes in 2018/2019. Another consultation is due to take place to determine the 2019/2020 schemes from March 2019.

4	Continuing	15	• The 2018/19 budget was agreed on 21st
	uncertainty	Medium	February 2018, the Council agreed the 2018/19
	regarding the		budget of £164.25m.
	Council's medium	(No change).	The latest in-year budget monitoring suggests
	term financial		overall a small underspend by year end. Within
	position given the		the budget there still exists significant pressure
	reliance that exists		on demand led social care services which have
	on support from		been offset in year through various corporate
	Central Government,		savings. The annual savings target set for
	cost pressures		2018/19 of £9.97m is estimated to be exceeded
	within the existing		by £0.57m.
	budget and major		The 2019/20 budget of £169.94m was agreed
	changes that are		on 20 th February 2019.
	planned concerning		The funding gap addressed for 2019/20 as part
	the reform of local		of the budget proposals presented to Council
	government funding		on 20 February 2019 was £13.44m caused by
	(Fair Funding) and		overall cost pressures of £12.55m and funding
	the review of the		reductions of £0.89m have contributed to the
	business rate		gap and these include additional client demand
	retention system		pressures in social care services.
	with a planned full		 The budget gap in 2019/20 was met by a
	reset of business		combination of new funding, additional income
	rate baselines		and new savings including:-
	expected from April		A 3.99% increase in the council tax (2.99%)
	2020.		general increase and 1% for adult social
			care) £3.78m;
	(Finance & Systems		 Income from strategic investments and the
	/ Finance).		Asset Investment Strategy £3.13m;
	,		 Use of Budget Support Reserve £2.80m;
			Other £0.15m, and;
			 New and continuing savings programmes of
			£3.58m.
			The next few years is likely to give rise to
			significant turbulence due to national changes
			in the way resources are distributed to local
			government from 2020/21 as well as
			significant changes to the business rate
			retention system which will move to a 75%
			retention scheme from 2020/21. The volatility
			this could cause is steering the Council's
			reserves strategy to provide cushion in the
			event that the council's baseline funding or
			previously retained growth in business rates
			income is reduced.
			 The current budget gap for 2020/21 and
			2021/22 is £15.71m and £12.81m respectively
			although a number of potential mitigating
			factors exist:-
			Government are currently consulting on
			transitional arrangements which, whilst
			these will unwind over a period of time,
			could protect the Council from a sudden and

			significant fall in resources. The Council's current budget contains a modest level of discretionary services which will be reviewed during 2019 as well as fees and charges Comprehensive Spending Review and the social care green paper could both signal the trajectory of funding in future years and specifically funding for social care. Population growth in Trafford is projected to rise faster than the national average which whilst meaning the pressure on Council services could increase is likely to mean improved levels of Government funding through the new formula as proposed which has its basis in population numbers.
5	Loss / absence and retention of senior managers to the organisation. (People / Equalities and Partnerships).	15 Medium (No change).	 Strengthening of the senior leadership team - introduction of new roles at Assistant Director level and new appointments will be made to Corporate and Directorate level roles. A number of interim internal 'act-up' arrangements are in place, again aiding succession planning, pending permanent appointments while we transition to new delivery models. Leadership development & coaching is available for all managers/senior managers across the organisation to support them in leading and engaging their staff through transformational change. A succession planning strategy is being rolled out that formalises an approach to ensure that key skills are not lost to the Council, whilst upskilling staff to take on higher graded roles. Successors will be identified at senior manager level and targeted development initiatives provided to ensure that we are equipped to flex our workforce to react to resource and skills gaps. Each successor will also have access to a coach. Leadership behaviours are being developed in line with Leading GM expectations and Trafford's new vision. Pro-active attendance management strategy developed and will be rolled out across Trafford with refreshment training for managers. A Health & Well-being strategy is in place with actions to maintain and improve employee

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	Trofford Carry -"	4.5	morale and well-being.
6	Trafford Council	15	Citizens and businesses have a right to expect
	must ensure that	Medium	data held about them to be treated in a secure
	information held	(NIa abanaa)	manner and only shared on a need to know
	about citizens,	(No change).	basis.
	employees,		Employees, Partners, Contractors and
	partners,		members have the right to expect data held
	contractors,		about them to be treated in a secure manner.
	members and		Trafford Council have a responsibility to protect
	organisations in		their data and information.
	Trafford is safe in		The Council has a dedicated Corporate
	their hands. To be		Information Governance (IG) team which
	able to assure its		provides advice and guidance in relation to
	partners and the		compliance with Data Protection and Freedom
	public that this is the		of Information legislation. It also investigates
	case they need to		data security breaches and reports these to the
	demonstrate that		ISGB and quarterly to CLT, providing services
	they are handling		concerned with recommendations to improve
	personal/ sensitive		their working practices. The IG team structure
	and commercial data		has been reviewed because of increased
	securely both in		workload and additional resource has been
	technology and		allocated to the team.
	physical terms. They		The team now comprises of: IG Manager
	also need to ensure		(Council), IG Manager (CCG), 4x Information
	that 3 rd parties acting		Governance Officers, 1x support officer (joined
	on their behalf are		the team 26 February 209). The support officer
	handling their data		is a dedicated resource to support the
	sets in accordance		Information Governance Officer who has
	with Trafford		responsibility for handling Children's Services
	Council's policies		subject access requests. The role was created
	and procedures.		in recognition of the demanding caseload in this
			area and it is anticipated will help in efforts to
	There are currently		address the outstanding volume of cases.
	compliance issues to		The Council has an Information Security
	be addressed		Governance Board (ISGB), which is comprised
	around records		of officers from key service areas across the
	management		council who "champion" good information
	(retention of both		governance practice within their Directorates.
	physical and		The ISGB has terms of reference which provide
	electronic records)		a direct reporting line to CLT, underlining the
	and subject access		importance of information governance and
	requests. In the case		information security within the Council. The
	of the latter there is		ISGB takes the corporate lead on all Data
	an outstanding		Protection related matters and in progressing
	backlog of subject		the embedding of information governance into
	access requests		the Council's day to day activities.
	awaiting response		The Council achieved "reasonable assurance"
	covering Children's		following a voluntary audit from the Information
	Services.		Commissioner's Office (ICO) in January 2017
			but cannot be complacent and, having identified
	Together, these		a number of risks, these will feature highly in
	raise the following		the ISGB work plan.
	risks –		

legal/regulatory (non-compliance with legal requirements), reputational, financial, adverse publicity. (Governance & Community Strategy / Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement).		 Progress has been made and will continue with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) implementation activities. Physical CCG moves will enable closer collaboration with the CCG Information Governance Manager, bringing a holistic approach to addressing information governance matters across both organisations.
7 University Academy 92: failure to implement programme and achieve possible benefits this may bring in terms of regeneration around Stretford and Old Trafford. (Authority wide - Place) / (Investment, Regeneration and Strategic Planning).	15 Medium (No change).	University Academy 92 (UA92) was launched in September 2017 to establish a new model of university by bringing together the best of academia, business and sport. It is a unique collaboration involving the Class of 92, Lancaster University, Microsoft, Trafford College and Bruntwood as well as Trafford Council. Other supporters of UA92 and the regeneration in the Trafford area include Lancashire County Cricket Club and Manchester United Football Club. Trafford Council believe UA92 will help regenerate the area around Stretford and Old Trafford as it presents a fantastic opportunity to revitalise and support local communities to maximise their potential. UA92 aims to create jobs and attract 6,500 students by 2028. This programme comprises of a number of facets including the university campus, student accommodation and Stretford leisure centre. Each of these aspects are being considered individually as well as part of the overall programme. Mitigation arrangements are in place in the event of failure of any part of the programme. For example, Stretford Leisure refurbishment will continue regardless of the university as this is also a community asset. The Executive have approved the Council entering into an options agreement for Westpoint for the provision of student accommodation for year one (and up to three years) and the Council will work to enable the development/provision of new student accommodation. Delivery of the refurbishment of the former Kellogg's building into the new university campus is underway, and is being delivered by the

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				 The Network People (TNP) have been procured to provide Trafford Council with specialist security advice to help develop, manage and monitor Trafford's security defences and incident response. Public Services Network (PSN) compliance is maintained which includes annual vulnerability penetration testing of both the internal and external networks.
9	Failure of the Adult Safeguarding Service. (Adult Services / Adult Social Care).	Medium (No change).		 The Director of Safeguarding and Professional Development has been recruited to on an interim basis (whilst CR acts up to Director for Children's Services) is in role and the standard of safeguarding for adults and children continues to be managed centrally through this role. Serious Case Review Panel (Adults) reviewed and in place, has completed several Learning Reviews, a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) has been published, more SAR's have now been commissioned and Independent Authors procured. Learning from these processes will be rolled out to staff. Learning review sessions are being delivered to staff across Adult Social Care (ASC). The process of handling provider notifications is being revised end of October. The notifications will be sent to the Commissioning team giving grater oversight of issues across the care market. As part of the adult improvement programme all referrals into Screening are immediately risk assessed and Safeguarding referrals are prioritised. Jointly with children's services and Greater Manchester Police (GMP). There is a discrete Adult Protection Line for members of the public to directly contact social care to raise safeguarding concerns. There are advanced plans for GMP officers to co-locate with the Screening Team to enhance our response to safeguarding referrals. Daily meetings between the Screening team and the Police are in place. Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) e-learning available for all staff and use is monitored. Increased demand presenting at the front door is being managed with additional staff capacity and daily risk management reviews resulting in reduced waiting times. Member training is in development regarding safeguarding expected to be delivered March

2019. All deprivation of liberty safeguarding assessments are now allocated immediately due to changes in process and improved staffing arrangements. Peer review completed with Rochdale safeguarding board. Action plan in place to address agreed areas for improvement. Additional resources in place January 2019 to complete the applications to the court of protection for community deprivation. arrangements. Tracking of progress on-going. Changes to management of Screening work, including introduction of written risk assessments resulted in significant backlog reduction. Revised internal joint Legal and Social Care Coroners process introduced January 2019. Current Health & Safety Policy and comprehensive arrangements in place. Subject to periodic review as required and available to the workforcov at the intranent. Health and Safety Audit programme in place across all Directorates and schools. This programme includes proactive monitoring of compliance with health & safety law and internal H&S management arrangements: Policy, arrangements, protocols and guidance across all Directorates and schools updated to reflect legislative or organisational changes and any new or emerging risks (in addition, a targeted rolling programme is ongoing). Health & Safety Unit (HSU) support in the comprehensive assessment and investigation, where required, of health and safety issues or incidents. Facilitates the effective management of risk and statutory compliance. Health and workforce referrals to ensure the health, safety and welfare of staff. Staff consultation processes in place to report and laise on Health and Safety performance issues. Competent HSU advisory service with advisors subject to continuing professional development requirements. Employee Health and Wellbeing Strategy in place which incorporates ill health reduction and mental wellbeing support. Training calendar in place and online training available to support managers and schools in ensuring staff are competent to undertake					
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			 tasks/role. Arrangements in place for the health and safety assessment of providers/contractors prior to approval and for subsequent monitoring of performance. HSU engagement in Health, Safety, Welfare and Security issues relating to the Council's Corporate and Let Estate through Corporate Landlord and associated focused audits and reviews.
11	Joint Venture partner fails to deliver services to the required standard or fails to deliver required efficiency savings. (Place / Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change).	High (Increase).	 Third year of contract completed. Increasing number of service issues identified and public perception remains largely negative. Additional staffing in the client team to ensure effective contract management. New measures put in place by Amey with additional resources. Independent validation of Key Performance Indicators (KPI). KPIs monitored on a monthly basis, and control and auditing mechanisms reviewed. Capital programme delivery is currently on target for highways. KPI Framework for 2018/19 agreed KPI Framework agreement for 2019/20 underway. Current vacancy for One Trafford Partnership Director being recruited. Head of Operations and Service Improvement now in post. Amey Account Director has produced a work programme which includes production of service improvement plans, cyclical plans for all transactional services, health and safety refresh of all risk assessments and methods of working refresh of all business continuity plans to ensure services are maintained so far as reasonably practical in the event of planned or unplanned events in order to maintain public confidence in services and limit reputational damage to both Amey and the Council.
12	The Programme Savings are not delivered in full. (Finance and Systems / Leader).	15 Medium (No change).	 Robust governance is in place, with greater scrutiny at theme level, and progress reported through to Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) A review of programme management is underway that will pick up the interdependencies between the Council and the CCG as well as Place Shaping. The CLT continue to support understanding of and engagement in the programmes, to secure support for it and to continue to the original plan with minimal disruption. CLT and Senior Responsible Officers work closely to identify risks and dependencies to the projects and

				p	programme outcomes at the ea	rliest		
				C	pportunity and identify appropr	riate n	nitigati	ons
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					Exceptions to plan are escalate	d to C	IT.	
13	Investment Strategy	15	4		An updated Asset Investment S			
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	/ Investment,	(N. 1			approach for acquiring new rege	enera	tion ar	na
	Regeneration and	(No change).		į ii	nvestment assets.			
	Strategic Planning).			• 7	To date the Investment Manage	ement	Board	has
				c	committed £174m to a range of	inves	tment	S
				l iı	ncluding the direct purchase of	incon	ne	
					generating assets in the boroug			
					surrounding districts, provision of		ior de	ht to
					commercial developers and in c		iioi ao	51 10
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					development opportunities as s	umma	ansea	
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					Asset Investment Strategy	2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m	Total £m
					Total Investment Fund	295.00	5.00	300.00
					Activity to date :			
					K Site, Talbot Road, Stretford	1.24	23.62	24.86
					Acquisitions : Sonova House, Warrington	12.17		12.17
					DSG, Preston	17.39		17.39
					Grafton Centre incl. Travelodge Hotel,	10.84		10.84
					Altrincham	10.04		
					Trafford Magistrates Court, Sale Walthew House Lane, Wigan		4.30 13.75	4.30 13.75
					Committed: Future purchase of a strategic			
					property in Trafford		23.83	23.83
					Loan Advances:			
					No.1, Old Trafford : Debt financing for residential development	3.13	(3.13)	0.00
					The Crescent, Salford : Debt financing for		00.00	00.00
					residential development		60.80	60.80
					Development Sites :			
					Brown Street, Hale	44 77	6.21	6.21
					Total investments Balance available	44.77	129.38	174.15 125.85
					Dalatice available			120.00
					To supplement the "investment			ısly
				a	approved of £300m, proposals I	have I	been	
				iı	ncluded in the February 2019 b	udge ⁻	t repor	t to
				iı	ncrease the Fund to £400m to	provic	le ·	
					neadroom for future opportunitie			
					To date new gross income stream		f £5 10	am a
					have been identified generating			
					after debt financing costs, availa	abie (supp	OIL
					he budget of £1.37m	_	_	
					Γο mitigate the risks of the appr			
					ecognised investment advisors			ısed
				a	as part of the due diligence prod	cess v	vith	
					emphasis placed on securing in			n l
					ow risk assets.			
					Further risk mitigation is being u	ındarı	akan	
					hrough the creation of a "Risk F			
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			through the ring-fencing of an element of the returns and an allowance for debt repayment (in accordance with national regulations). All investments are scrutinised by an Investment Management Board which includes cross-party representation.
			 When evaluating potential opportunities extensive legal and property due diligence is undertaken which places a significant emphasis on security and liquidity and includes for example an assessment of the financial strength of the tenants and market sector, length of unexpired lease, location, asset condition and residual land value.
			 Each year there will be performance monitoring of each investment to ensure it is still consistent with the investment strategy. In addition an annual valuation will be undertaken to assess the current capital value of the asset and this will be used to determine whether the right level of debt repayment is being made. It is inevitable there will be changes in valuation year on year but the risks of downward movements in value are being mitigated through a diversified portfolio of assets.
14	Failure to complete the Business Continuity (BC) Programme Project, resulting in an increased risk that the Council may fail to deliver Council services in the event of significant disruption. (Authority-wide / Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement).	10 Medium (No change).	 The follow up review of the Internal Audit of the Business Continuity Management process in November 2018 identified there is substantial work still required to progress the previous audit recommendations, nine of which are still in progress and four are yet to be implemented. The Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Risk Register identifies the lack of robust Disaster Recovery (DR) as a high risk to the Authority. Although the Strategic Risk Register identifies Business Continuity Management as a medium risk, as ICT is considered the critical point of failure for the majority of service areas, Business Continuity Plans cannot be considered fully operable without a robust and tested ICT Disaster Recovery plan in place. ICT are currently reviewing options for collaboration in relation to a secondary DR site. Trafford ICT are looking for alternative accommodation for the secondary datacentre currently situated at Sale Waterside, as the existing room is inadequate and the cost of improving the environmental controls and security is prohibitive. Trafford ICT are also soft market testing a hosted solution via a

- third party with a decision expected to be reached by April 2019.
- The Council has undertaken a cloud readiness review in support of the GM Health and Social Care Partnership's Digital Strategy. The outcome of the review suggests the Council should adopt a cloud first approach; meaning the Council's systems and data should in future be hosted in the cloud where possible and practical. Cloud hosting would provide excellent resilience and disaster recovery capabilities, and provides high levels of security. A plan is to be developed with transition expected to take a number of years.
- The service Business Impact Analyses were refreshed in 2016 to capture additional detail including the Recovery Point Objective (RPO) and Recovery Time Objective (RTO) in respect of ICT systems, however these assessments have not been subject to quality assurance or analysis to determine the business requirements in terms of priority restoration for systems and network. This information is essential to determining any future ICT Disaster Recovery solution and to inform future business investment decisions
- Responsibilities, plans and resources available need to be reviewed and defined in respect of Business Continuity Management / Disaster Recovery Planning to enable robust quality management and testing programmes to be implemented. The current work underway to review the organisational support arrangements following the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) integration in April 2018 provides an opportunity to ensure that Business Continuity Management requirements are adequately resourced and co-ordinated across the organisation.
- Contractual requirements on external providers have business continuity plans in place.
- Mobile Telephone Privileged Access Scheme (MTPAS) – Priority access to telecommunications has been reviewed to ensure capability during incidents. Numbers and update processes are now fully functional and up to date.
- The integration between Trafford Council and Trafford CCG and the required fundamental organisation and service redesign pose additional risks around Emergency Planning

	and Business Continuity. Full oversight of CCG rota has now fully transitioned. Business Continuity still remains with the CCG. This work sits with the CCG Transitions Programme.
	Refer also to the comments regarding Risk 8.

** Note: This indicates the direction of travel in respect of performance in managing the risk and not direction of travel of the risk level.

Key:	
1	= Improvement in management of the risk.
(++	= No change in management of the risk.
V	= Deterioration in management of the risk.

