

AC14. Corporate Risk Management Update

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services summarising progress with embedding the Corporate Risk Management (CRM) policy and framework and presenting a revised Corporate Risk Register.

Actions since the last 6 monthly report (on 13 March 2017 ref AC36) included:-

- development of the risk details for each corporate risk to ensure they include meaningful consequences, lessons learnt, and measurable actions;
- a review of Corporate Working Groups had been progressed, and integrating the Corporate Risk Register and Corporate Working Group reviews. Again, work to date was reflected in the risk register;
- further work to embed CRM arrangements within the Council of the Future Program and to develop Members' and officers' training and development programs; and
- West Lothian Council's Internal Audit Team had undertaken a follow up review of CRM arrangements in early 2017. They had provided Substantial Assurance, but noted that work was required to further embed the Policy and Framework fully across Services.

The risk register had been updated since last reported and was appended for information.

The committee sought clarification on the arrangements for identifying and mitigating risks associated with the Integration Joint Board (IJB). The Head of HR and Business Transformation confirmed that the Board had its own risk register and undertook to provide information on the mechanism for providing the Council with assurance in regard to IJB risks.

Members discussed the implications if the attainment gap (risk CRR-CS-01) could not be closed and sought assurance that Children's Services intended to replace those Quality Improvement Officers who had left the Service. The Children's Services Resources Manager confirmed that they would be replaced and stated that attainment continued to improve. The committee then discussed the implications of the Scottish Government's review of Governance of Education and in particular proposals to transfer responsibility to schools, identifying risks which may arise from the proposal.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the actions taken to further embed risk management across and within Services;**

- (2) noted the revised Corporate Risk Register and background information, as detailed in appendices 1 to 4 of the report, and**
- (3) agreed to refer the report to the Executive for consideration.**