

## **A18. Corporate Risk Management Update**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting an update report on progress with embedding Corporate Risk Managements. The report provided a summary of actions since 1 April 2019 and set out as appendices:-

- Risk Management and Assurance dashboard
- Corporate Risk Register summary of risks

In regard to the risk 'Public Protection (Adults and Children)' the Chief Finance Officer explained that by its nature there was inherent high risk in this area of Council activity. It was vital therefore that the Council was able to mitigate against the risks in protecting vulnerable children and adults. The Chief Executive gave as an example the work of the Public Protection Chief Officer Group which ensured that a robust regime was in place to manage risks. Nevertheless the risks remained.

Following a question the Chief Finance Officer explained the risk management and assurance dashboard which was set out as appendix 1 to the report. The approach to risk management was robust but there were areas where improvements could be made.

The committee discussed the assurance provided in regard to the Community Planning Strategic Board, which was 'limited'. The Chief Executive stated that going forward he anticipated a more focussed approach by partners and the Board. Work had been in play to develop a more focussed approach by partners, recognising that all had a role to play. The committee sought further detail on the risk around 'failure to undertake proper engagement and consultation with service users'. The Chief Executive explained that the Council was looking to adopt a 'One Council' approach to engagement. Work was ongoing to map the various consultation methodologies and practices. It was important, he stated, that the Council followed up on consultations to explain what the outcomes had been.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed to refer the report to the Executive for approval.**

The committee then adjourned for 10 minutes to allow representatives of EY to join the meeting and reconvened at 10.15 am with all members present as per the sederunt. The convener stated that due to unforeseen circumstances the external auditors would not be in attendance for the meeting.