Neighbourhoods Summary Directorate Risk Register - February 2019

Profile of Current Directorate Risk Scores

RED 1, 6, 7, 9,

AMBER 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12

GREEN 11







High aspirations

Healthy lives



Ambition 2

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Ambition 3

Skills



Ambition 4

High quality education



Ambition 5

Safe communities



Ambition 6

Excellent and affordable public transport



Ambition 7

Housing to Co meet needs leis



Ambition 8

Community life, leisure centres & entertainment



Ambition 9

Location of choice for Business and growth



Ambition 10

Reputation for getting things done

Neighbourhoods Directorate Business Plan Priorities

1. Housing to Meet Local Needs 2. Develop and Support Business's in Sandwell Vibrant Centre of Culture and Leisure 4. A place where communities feel safe and secure 5. Delivery of Town Plans 6. Attract New and Growing Business 7. Improve Transport Links 8.Partnership
Working to identify
and prevent
extremism and
radicalisation

Risk Ref	Risk Title and Description	Previous Score	Direction of travel	Current score (Feb 2019)	Target score and date	Comment
	Housing Rental Income If a reduction in housing rental income is experienced as a result of:	12 (Red)		12 (Red)	8 (Amber) March 2020	The uncertainties of the impact that universal credit may have on this risk continue to determine the assessment of this risk. The measures in place to manage this risk include:
NS 1 09/15	 Increasing Rent Arrears Void Rent Loss Welfare Reform including Universal Credit Then this may result in budgeted levels of rental income not being achieved. Risk Owner: Alan Caddick Priorities Impacted: 1 	Likelihood	4 3 2 1 1 1 II	2 3 4 mpact		 Service structures are being reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose and take account the changes brought about by Welfare Reform. A programme of ICT enhancements is being implemented to achieve greater efficiencies in the collection of rental income. Monthly updates are provided to the Director and Service Manager on the levels of rent collection. Following discussions at the Housing Scrutiny Board, town workshops with officers / members are to be arranged to review age restricted properties within each town. The aim is to increase the number of eligible applicants for properties thereby further reducing void loss. Review of the allocations policy which will enable more applicants to bid on properties.
NS2 09/18	Compliance with Asbestos Regulations If the council does not have up to date and accurate records setting out the full extent of where asbestos exists across the council's office and investment portfolio; then it will be unable to formulate effective asbestos management plans. This could result in the Council not being fully compliant with the relevant regulations and jeopardise the health and safety of employees, commercial tenants and the general public. Risk Owner: Lee Constable	9 (Amber)		8 (Amber)	6 (Green) March 2020	 Mitigations in place to manage this risk include: The Council holds records showing where asbestos exists within its office and investment portfolio. An asbestos team is in place which controls, monitors and remedies any issues with regards to asbestos and has oversight of this risk. The Council has a database of known asbestos locations which is regularly reviewed, monitored and updated as survey information comes to light. Each site has a register in place to identify asbestos locations so that contractors and workers are fully aware of the risk locations. Asbestos surveys are undertaken and individual asbestos management place developed for each site.
	Priorities Impacted: 1 and 4			.1		asbestos management plans developed for each site which are being routinely managed.

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	Work Place Vision If the Council does not put in place appropriate project management arrangements to implement the Work Place Vision then the project may not be delivered	8 (Amber)		8 (Amber)	4 (Green) April 2020	Assurance on the management of this risk is provided by the Strategic Project Board which is chaired by the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods and has membership from across all Council Directorates. Measures in place to manage this risk include: • An Operational group which is chaired by the Service
NS 4 09/18	Risk Owner: Alison Knight Priorities Impacted: 1 and 2		4 3 2 2 4 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 3	4	 Manager for Business Excellence, attended by Service Managers and Officers with appropriate workstreams including ICT feeding into the group. A project Risk Register is in place which is monitored by the operational group and any significant risks escalated to the strategic project board for consideration and decision. Project plan and regular highlight reports identify progress and provide actions for implementation. The project is currently on target and in January delivered the first phase of work at the council house with the Neighbourhoods teams at this location now located in one area. Further phases are currently being designed and planned to align with the on-going budget availability.
	Management of the Council's Asset Portfolio If timely decisions are not made on the disposal of assets which are surplus to	9 (Amber)	\rightarrow	9 (Amber)	6 (Green) March 2020	Efficient and effective reduction / reuse of the council's assets directly impacts on repairs and maintenance and available resources. It provides a rationalisation programme that divests of underperforming assets and maximises the use of retained assets.
NS 5 09/18	requirements then this will impact the effective delivery of the Capital Asset Management Strategy and result in the council not making the best use of its limited resources. Risk Owner: Alison Knight Priorities Impacted: 2 and 6		4 3 2 2 1 1	2 3	4	Assurance on the management of this risk is given via strategy reviews which are undertaken every two years. The strategy review provides an Asset Management Plan which is then supported by a number of groups including Work Place Vision. The Land and Asset Management Officer Group provides a central clearing house for all assets.

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	Schools Capital Build Programme If a timely decision is not made and agreed on the future arrangements for the current local education partnership contract then	12 (Red)		12 (Red)	4 (Green) July 2019	This risk has a direct impact on strategic risk 40 'School Place Planning' planning which is currently rated as red. The current contract expires on 31 July 2019 and the Council has an option to extend for a further five years.
NS 6 09/18	the council will be unable to deliver building projects for new schools or extensions to its	Likelihood	4 3 2 1	2 3 4		A project board with officers from across the Council is in place to consider this risk and to provide management and members with advice on the options available which will be presented to Cabinet in due course. Education, Skills and Employment officers have undertaken an options appraisal to avoid any disruption to the delivery of projects in the School Capital Build Programme.
	If the Council does not have processes in place to assure itself that it has implemented an effective programme of	12 (Red)		12 (Red)	8 (Amber) June 2019	Processes and procedures are in place to ensure that statutory compliance requirements (legionella, gas, fire) are carried out. This risk also links in with the recent review by Internal
NS 7 09/18	statutory compliance (gas, water safety, fire) then this will result in the Council not being fully compliant with regulations which will jeopardise the health and safety of employees, commercial tenants and general public.	Likelihood	4 3 2 1 1 1	2 3 4		 Audit in respect of 'Public buildings - Gas Safety' which was reported to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee in January 2019. Measures in place to manage this risk include: Planned visits have been undertaken to assess compliance A programme of monthly meetings is in place with
	Risk Owner: Lee Constable Priorities Impacted: 4			Impact		 Development of an action plan to achieve on-going compliance which will be monitored by the Mechanical and Electrical team. Implementation of the progress made against the Internal audit recommendations will be monitored and progress reported to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee in 2019/20.

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	Leased Out Properties If the council does not have effective processes in place to monitor its leases and assure itself that its leased-out arrangements are effectively managed, then this gould result in:	8 (Amber)		8 (Amber)	4 (Green) March 2020	This risk also links in with a recent review being carried out by Internal Audit in respect of leases which will be reported to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee in due course. The council is seeking external independent support in order to review and update the council's commercial
NS 8 09/18	 then this could result in: A lack of clarity over the Council's obligations as Landlord and those of the tenant. Thereby the Council as a landlord. 	Likelihood	4 3 2 1	2 3 4		property strategy in order to ensure that it maximises use and protects its portfolio.
	Priorities Impacted: 2 and 6 Repairs and Maintenance to Operational Premises If the council does not have sufficient resources allocated for the delivery of future	12 (Red)		12 (Red)	8 (Amber) March 2020	The council currently has a contract in place which expires on 31 March 2019. In order to manage this risk, the following measures are in place: • A report was presented to and approved by Cabinet in
NS 9 09/18	repairs and maintenance of the council's operational premises then it will be unable to ensure that its assets are adequately protected and maintained and remain fit for purpose. Risk Owner: Amy Harhoff Priorities Impacted: 2, 3, 4 and 6	Likelihood	4 3 2 1	2 3 4		 December 2018 to extend the contract for 12 months. Options for future delivery are currently being considered. A programme is in place involving officers from procurement, legal, and corporate landlord for the approval of a suitable partner for the future delivery of property maintenance (compliance repairs and maintenance). A report will be provided to elected members in due course to advise on the most appropriate option moving forward.

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	Regeneration Strategy If the council does not develop the right regeneration policy and strategy and secure appropriate funding for investment, then it will be unable to deliver the substantial aspirations for Place and Economy, underpinning the 2030 Vision.	8 (Amber)	-	8 (Amber)	8 (Amber) Ongoing	Sandwell has committed to develop and deliver a Regeneration and Inclusive Growth Strategy and investment pipeline for the borough. This will be developed with the communities and businesses within Sandwell looking through a local, regional, national and global lens to ensure a balanced and ambitious plan. To ensure the progress of the borough the council will also continue to make the case and secure investment for
NS 10 09/18	Risk Owner: Amy Harhoff Priorities Impacted: All		4 3 2 1 1 1 1	2 3 Impact	8	also continue to make the case and secure investment for supported schemes for employment, housing and transport across the borough. This will include delivering on key schemes and projects such as Birchley Island and The Commonwealth Games Aquatic Centre, the risks for which are being managed on a project by project basis.

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NS 11	Town Plans Failure to agree the priorities in each town that would form the Town Plan is a risk to the effective delivery of initiatives at a town level.	8 (Amber)	1	6 (Green)	4 (Green) Sept 2019	This risk reflects aligns with one of the recommendations flowing from the Corporate Peer Review that was undertaken in 2018. The schedule to mitigate this risk involves effective and early re-engagement with partners and communities to agree priorities by 20 March 2019 prior to the commencement of Purdah. The evaluation of the feedback received will then be shared with EMT and
02/18	Risk Owner: Alan Caddick Priorities Impacted: 5	Likelihood	4 3 2 1	2 3 4		Cabinet in April with a view to publishing the agreed plans after the election period.
NS 12	Failure to develop the Sandwell Valley Business Plan in a timely fashion could impact on plans to generate income that will sustain the Valley going forward and put at risk the council's plans to improve	9 (Amber)		9 (Amber)	6 (Green) June 2019	To manage this risk, the council is in the process of agreeing the objectives for the Valley and its business plan and the resources required to pull together the business plan. The employment of an external agency to work with the council to develop the Plan and come up with key recommendations will assist in the timely mitigation of this risk.
09/18	the Valley as a visitor attraction. Risk Owner: Alan Caddick Priorities Impacted: 3	Likelihood	4 3 2 1	2 3 4	4	