

## AUDIT COMMITTEE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

### PART I – DELEGATED

#### FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY RISKS (DoF)

##### Summary

- 1.1 This report advises the Committee on the latest position in respect of the evaluation of financial risks facing the Council for discussion and any recommendations or comments they wish to make.

##### Details

- 2.1 Since the last Audit Committee the pay award for 2023/24 has been agreed at the level included in the latest budget forecast. Inflation has also started to reduce with the result that the pay award risk has been lowered, although this does still remain significant for future years. The interest rate risk has also been updated to reflect the fact the Council is forecast to remain cash positive and will benefit from higher interest rates whilst this position remains. Updates to the action plan have been provided where action has been taken or planned or further information has become available.

##### Options and Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The recommendations allow the Committee to review the financial risks faced by the Council and record any comments it wishes to make in respect of individual risks.

##### Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

- 4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets.

##### Financial, Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

- 5.1 None specific.

##### Recommendation

- 6.1 That the Committee review the risk register and make any comments it wishes to make against individual risks.

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##### Data Quality

Data sources: Budget Monitoring Reports & Budget setting report (Liberal Democrat)

Data checked by: Head of Finance.

Data rating:

<b>1</b>	<b>Poor</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Sufficient</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>High</b>	√

### **Background Papers**

Impact of Inflation on the Council - paper to Policy & Resources Committee 18 July 2022

### **APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix 1 - Financial Risk Register