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Summary

This report has been produced to provide the Planning & Transportation Committee with assurance that risk management procedures in place within the Department of the Built Environment are satisfactory and that they meet the requirements of the corporate Risk Management Framework.

This report only considers risks managed by the Department of the Built Environment that fall within the remit of the Planning & Transportation Committee. Parallel reports regarding risks that fall within the remit of the Port Health & Environmental Health Committee are submitted to that Committee.

Risk is reviewed regularly as part of the ongoing management of the operations of the Department of the Built Environment. In addition to the flexibility for emerging risks to be raised as they are identified, a process exists for in-depth periodic review of the risk register.

Since the last report to Members there has been no change in the list of Corporate risks managed by the department and no new Departmental risks have been identified.

There is one Corporate Risk managed by the Department of the Built Environment:

- CR20 - Road Safety (Current risk: AMBER)
[Planning & Transportation Committee]

The Impact and Likelihood are unchanged since the last report to the Committee.

There are no Departmental RED Risks managed by the Department of the Built Environment.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report and the actions taken in the Department of the Built Environment to monitor and manage effectively risks arising from the department's operations.

Main Report

Background

1. The Risk Management Framework of the City of London Corporation requires each Chief Officer to report regularly to Committee the risks faced in their department.
2. Risk owners are consulted and risks are routinely reviewed with the updates recorded in the corporate (Covalent) system.
3. Each risk managed by the Department of the Built Environment is allocated to either the Planning & Transportation Committee or the Port Health & Environmental Services Committees. **This report only considers risks managed by the Department of the Built Environment that fall within the remit of the Planning & Transportation Committee.**

Parallel periodic reports are submitted to the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee.

Current Position

4. This report provides an update on the current risks that exist in relation to the operations of the Department of the Built Environment that fall within the remit of the Planning & Transportation Committee.
5. In order to reduce the volume of information presented, and accordance with the Corporate Risk Management Strategy, this report includes all Corporate and Departmental level risks but not Service Level risks (unless there are changes which are considered to be likely to be of interest to Members).
6. The risk register captures risk across all four divisions within the department, (Transportation & Public Realm, District Surveyor, Development and Policy & Performance) but risks relating to the City Property Advisory Team are managed by the City Surveyor. The department provides advice relating to the City bridges to the City Surveyor's department but the risks are owned by the City Surveyor.

Risk Management Process

7. Risk and control owners are consulted regarding the risks for which they are responsible at appropriate intervals based on the level of risk and the likelihood that this level will change. In general, RED risks are reviewed monthly; AMBER risk are reviewed quarterly; and GREEN risks are reviewed quarterly, 6 monthly or annually depending on the likelihood of change.
8. Changes to risks were, historically, reported to Members as part of the Business Plan report. Members now receive this report quarterly in accordance with the Corporate Risk Management Strategy.

9. All significant risks (including Health & Safety risks) identified by the Department are managed through the Covalent Corporate Risk Management System.
10. Members will notice that some risks reported are already at the Target Risk Rating & Score and are only subject to Business As Usual actions. These risks are included in accordance with the Corporate Guidance “Reporting Risk Information to Grand Committees” to assist this committee to fulfil the role of Service Committees (as defined in the Corporate Risk Management Strategy) to “Oversee the significant risks faced by the Departments in the delivery of their service responsibilities.” The annual target date for Business As Usual actions, and risks where we are at Target Risk, will be updated prior to the next report.

Significant Risk Changes

11. Regular review of risks has identified no risks where the Current Risk score has changed.
12. The Target Risk Ratings/Scores have also been reviewed since the last report to Members and no changes have been identified.

Identification of New Risks

13. New risks may be identified at the quarterly review of all risk; through Risk reviews at the Department Management Team; or by a Director as part of their ongoing business management.
14. An initial assessment of all new risks is undertaken to determine the level of risk (Red, Amber or Green). Red and Amber risks will be the subject of an immediate full assessment with Red risks being report to the Department Management Team. Green risks will be included in the next review cycle.
15. No new risks that fall within the remit of the Planning & Transportation Committee have been identified since the last report.
16. The impact of Brexit is now being managed corporately and is the subject of a separate report to this Committee.

Summary of Key Risks

17. The Department of the Built Environment is responsible for one Corporate Risk. This is:

Road Safety (CR20) which is AMBER

This is the risk related to road traffic collisions.

TfL held a meeting with City RDR officers in February to discuss options for improvements to Ludgate Circus, following the informal crossing, traffic composition, speed, traffic light contravention, pedestrian behaviour and high-risk manoeuvres camera study report.

TfL reported they have already put some actions into motion:

- Signals were adjusted before Christmas to give more pedestrians green time in the off-peak
- Cycle scoot is programmed for installation by end of this financial year.

A follow up meeting to discuss a possible implementation plan for further options (listed in the details of CR20 in Appendix 2) is scheduled for Tuesday March 5th.

Conclusion

18. Members are asked to note that risk management processes within the Department of the Built Environment adhere to the requirements of the City Corporation's Risk Management Framework and that risks identified within the operational and strategic responsibilities of the Director of the Built Environment are proactively managed.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – City of London Corporation Risk Matrix
- Appendix 2 – Register of DBE Corporate and Departmental risks (Planning & Transportation Committee)

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