Appendix 2 - Departmental Risk Register

CHB Corporate and departmental risks - detailed report EXCLUDING COMPLETED ACTIONS

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Rows are sorted by Risk Score

Risk no, title, creation date, owner	Risk Description (Cause, Event, Impact)	Current Risk Rating &	ż Score	Risk Update and date of update	Target Risk Rating & Score	Target Date/Risk Approach	Current Risk score change indicator
CR38 Unsustainable Medium Term Finances - City's Estate	Causes: The embedded increased impact of inflation, following the peak of 10.7% in Autumn 2022 (as reported by the Office for Budget Responsibility). Aging estate crystallising high levels of expenditure over short time period, putting pressure on Reserves. Reduction in rental income from the property investment portfolio following post pandemic changes in workplace attendance reducing demand for grade B office accommodation. Event: Inability to manage financial pressures within the fiscal year, resulting in an inability to achieve anticipated savings and generate expected income, may necessitate additional reliance on Reserves. Additionally, challenges in controlling construction inflation or the inability to readjust capital projects within budget parameters pose further risks.	Impact		Inflation rates to be monitored quarterly and an inflation contingency to be maintained in 2024/25. Earning more income from property investment portfolio – diversification of asset portfolio. The five-year financial plan includes cyclical works programme to cover bow-wave of outstanding works and provision of £62.7m p.a. for works going forward. Funding strategy identifies where best to bring third party capital into surplus operational property opportunities, reducing demand on own Reserves. Quarterly monitoring of capital		31-Mar- 2025	

			programme against budgets.			
	Effects:					
	The City of London Corporation's reputation could suffer		Developing income generation			
	from failure to achieve financial goals or from reduced		opportunities.			
	services to businesses and the community. Experience					
2 Ionuora 2024	challenges in delivering the capital program and major		02 Jan 2024		Daduar	Courses
2 January -2024	projects within budgetary limits. Inability of expenditure to		02 Jan 2024		Reduce	Constant
Caroline Al-	align with the corporate plan, leading to inefficient	İ				
Beyerty	resource utilisation and reduced corporate performance.					
Deverty						

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CR38a	Monitoring the impact of revenue inflationary pressures (including pressures on energy costs, cost of London living wage) and construction inflation impacts on capex programme • Monitor the use of inflation contingency	 Regular monitoring the office of budget responsibility's inflation forecasts Identify areas that are forecasting to exceed budget envelope due to inflation increases, and review action. 	Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2025
CR38e	Monitoring key income streams i.e. rental income from the property investment portfolio.	This is being monitored monthly, with action being taken to within the portfolio to maximise income generation opportunities. Ensure income generation schemes are sustainable and on-going opportunities are explored, these include but not limited to: • Lord Mayor Show and events across the Corporation • Advertising • Filming inside and outside the square mile • Retail opportunities • Fees and Charges		2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2025
CR38f	Delivering the current savings programme and securing permanent year-on-year savings	Quarterly revenue monitoring undertaken to ensure departments have appropriate plans in place to meet savings. High risk departments are undertaking monthly revenue monitoring.	Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2024
CR38g	Remain within the financial envelopes approved for major projects	Monthly updates on major projects forecasts and issues arising	Genine Whitehorne; Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2029
CR38h	Bringing third party capital to surplus operational property opportunities	Identified initial opportunities which have been supported by Resource Allocation Sub Committee	Paul Wilkinson;	2-Jan-2024	30-Jun- 2024

		Caroline Al- Beyerty	
CR38i	The ability for charities to fundraise and generate more income to support ambitions for activities and operational property requirements.	Sonia Virdee	 31-Dec- 2024

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	 Causes: Persistent high inflation, as reported and forecast by the Office for Budget Responsibility. Aging estate crystallising high levels of expenditure over short time period, putting pressure on Reserves. Reduction in rental income from the property investment portfolio to support Major Projects programmes. Anticipated reductions in public sector funding (local government and Police), escalating demands (both revenue and capital), and an ambitious program for major project delivery pose a threat to sustaining the Square Mile's vibrancy and growth. The Police Transform program fails to achieve anticipated budget mitigations outlined in the MTFP. Event: The failure to manage financial pressures within the fiscal year and achieve sustainable savings as planned, or to boost income generation to address the Corporation's projected medium-term financial deficit. Effects: Inability to establish a balanced budget, which is a statutory requirement for the City Fund. The City of London Corporation's reputation could suffer due to failure to meet financial objectives or the necessity to curtail services provided to businesses and the community. Challenges in executing the capital program and major projects within affordable limits. 	Inpact 12	Inflation rates to be monitored quarterly and an inflation contingency to be maintained in 2024/25. The five-year financial plan includes cyclical works programme to cover bow-wave of outstanding works and provision of £71m p.a. for works going forward. Funding strategy identifies where best to bring third party capital into surplus operational property opportunities, reducing demand on own Reserves. Quarterly monitoring of capital programme against budgets. Developing income generation opportunities. 2 Jan 2024	mpact 8	31-Mar- 2026	Constant

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CR35a	Monitoring the impact of inflationary pressures (including pressures on energy costs) and construction inflation impacts on capex programme Use of inflation contingency	 Regular monitoring the office of budget responsibility's inflation forecasts Identify areas that are forecasting to exceed budget envelope due to inflation increases 	Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2026
CR35c	Remain within the financial envelopes approved for major projects	Monthly update on major projects forecasts and issues arising	Genine Whitehorn e; Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2029
CR35f	 Delivering the current savings programme and securing permanent year-on-year savings (including Police Authority) Develop income generation opportunities 	 Ensure income generation schemes are sustainable and on-going opportunities are explored, these include but not limited to: HARC – Heathrow Animal Reception Centre Events across the Corporation Advertising Filming inside the square mile Retail opportunities Fees and Charges. 	Alistair Cook; Genine Whitehorn e; Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2026
CR35n	Prepare a balanced Medium Term Financial Plan	Update on the progress of the preparation of the next instalment of the MTFP	Sonia Virdee	2-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2024

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CHB 002 Housing Revenue Account Financials	 Cause: The embedded increased impact of inflation, following peak of 10.7% in Autumn 2022. Potential issue around non-recoverability of elements of service charge costs due to inadequate s20 consultation process Event: Inability to contain financial pressures on the Housing Revenue Account, especially around repairs and maintenance costs, management costs and depreciation charges . Additionally, challenges in controlling construction inflation or the inability to readjust capital projects within budget parameters pose further risk. 	Impact	 The latest financial position on the overall HRA, including the reviews noted above will form part of the balanced HRA Estimates report being presented in January. The latest five year financial projections show the revenue funding position remains precarious and vulnerable to revenue overspends or significantly rising capital costs (leading to higher loan repayments and interest charges). Counsel opinion is expected in January on the S20 service charge recoverability issue. 05 Jan 2024 	impact	8 31-Mar- 2025	
	Effect:		05 Jan 2024		Reduce	Constant
Mark Jarvis; Sonia Virdee	• The City Corporation's reputation is damaged due to failure to deliver housing services.					

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CHB002a	capital forecasts next due in early November. Continue to	Close monitoring of capital schemes is required during 2023/24, update to be provided in regular reporting of capital forecasts due in the HRA estimates and revised 5 Year Plan in January. Continue to monitor the risk around non-recovery of leaseholder contributions to capital projects following the Great Arthur cladding case decision.	Mark Jarvis	08-Jan- 2024	31-Mar- 2024
CHB002b		The Savills report identified high repairs and maintenance costs, management costs and depreciation charges. The level of the internal recharge to the HRA is being reviewed as part of a City wide recalibration however this will not impact the current years estimates. The current repairs and maintenance contract has had to be extended by one year but is being re-procured for the following period. Further controls on the repairs and maintenance contract spend are being implemented by Housing.	Mark Jarvis	08-Jan- 2024	31-Mar- 2024

latest 2023/24 position and 2024/25 draft Estimates show a finely balanced position.
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08-Apr-2019 Caroline Al-	Cause: Lack of officer commitment and investment of the right resources into organisational information management systems and culture. Event: The City Corporation's IM Strategy (2018-2023) is not fully and effectively implemented Effect: a) Not being able to use relevant information to draw insights and intelligence and support good decision- making. b) Vulnerability to personal data and other information rights breaches and non-compliance with possible significant ICO fines or other legal action. c) Waste of resources storing information beyond usefulness.	Impact		DITS have completed the Data Maturity Assessment facilitated by Microsoft / Hitachi Solutions. This has served to establish priority areas of focus and will be used to inform a refresh of the current IT Strategy. Transformation Funding has been secured to progress with the short term recommendations of the assessment with initial actions due for completion by end of March 2024. 18 Dec 2023	Impact	6	31-Mar- 2024 Reduce	Constant
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CR29j	6,	This will be a core component of the future DDaT Strategy, and workshops are commencing in November to progress the development of the strategy	 	31-Mar- 2024
CR291			 	31-Mar- 2024

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	 Cause: The TOM changes are insufficient or implementation of radical change fails. The impact of the flexible retirement scheme has been taken up by many long term colleagues leaving the corporation in March 2022. The TOM is also creating anxiety which in turn could cause colleagues to find roles elsewhere. Event: Culture change is insufficient. Corporate memory is lost. The Chamberlain's Department is not fit for the future. Effect: Chamberlain's Department fails to deliver its objectives. 	Impact 6	A key risk remains but is reducing within Financial Services. The remaining key vacant posts in Financial Services Division are advertised throughout January. The Learning and Engagement Board has been relaunched to support and develop staff. A skills matrix assessment has been commissioned for Finance Staff to commence in Q1, 2024. 04 Jan 2024	4 Impact	31-Mar- 2024 Reduce	Constant

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CHB001b	Colleagues are provided with the training they need to fulfil their role.	 The departmental Learning & Engagement Board was re-launched on 21 June with a renewed vision, terms of reference and refined learning objectives. An all-staff learning survey was circulated in to request feedback on individual needs which has informed the learning priorities for 23/24. A skills matrix review is planned to independently analyse strengths and areas for improvement for Chamberlain's staff. Key workstreams for the board have been identified and are currently being progressed. A programme of learning events has been developed and the first took place in December which was well received. 	Phil Black	4-Jan-2024	31-Mar- 2024
CHB001c	Delivering a Chamberlain's TOM structure design and culture is fit for purpose.	A number of actions sit within the workplan for the Learning and Engagement Board and within the empowering transformation workstreams which will be delivered throughout		04-Jan- 2024	31-Mar- 2024

		2023/24 and 2024/25.			
CHB001f	Ensure procedure notes are in place, accurate and current. To avoid loss of critical knowledge and best practice approaches to departmental tasks and responsibilities.	Findings show that transactional services within Chamberlain's have a series of comprehensive procedure notes in place. Following the implementation of the Matrix working, procedure notes will be developed for Business Partnering service, depicting best practices and standardisation (where appropriate). A summary of the procedure note review will be presented to the CHB Transformation working group in January 2024	Woodlock	04-Jan- 2024	31-Jan- 2024

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COO DITS 045 PSTN Switch Off 2025 18-Aug-2023 Zakki Ghauri	 Cause: BT will retire their PSTN (Copper) Network at the end of 2025. Rendering all current connections redundant. Event: All current PSTN (Copper) connections will become unusable by the end of 2025. Forcing an upgrade to digital fibre or mobile services. Effect: All of our PSTN connections will cease at the end of 2025. This is in the range of 8,500 connections, which are linked to Lift/BMS/Fire Alarms and Door entry systems. Should these systems fail to be upgraded by the end of 2025, this could lead to essential services being inactive, without anyone being aware. This work will have significant financial impact to complete and failure to complete will have significant reputational impact 	Impact		To mitigate the risk, a review of the connections, locations and services supplied will be required to fully identify the total number of connections supplying critical services. A programme of work will follow to migrate those connections onto digital fibre or mobile enabled services ahead of the 2025 sunset date. 18 Dec 2023	Impact	8	31-Dec- 2025	Constant

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COO DITS 045a	Investigations into the entire estate	BA is required to complete investigations and formulate remediation plan	18-Dec- 2023	31-Dec- 2023

COO DITS 045b	Funding – Start Capital Bid/Gateway Process		31-Dec- 2023