Department of Markets and Consumer Protection Corporate and Departmental Risks

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| CR21 Air Quality 07-Oct-2015 Ruth Calderwood | Cause: Levels of air pollution in the City, specifically nitrogen dioxide and fine particles, impact on the health of residents, workers and visitors. The City Corporation has a statutory duty to take action to improve local air quality. Event: The City of London Corporation is insufficiently proactive and resourced, and does not have the right level of competent staff, to be able to fulfil statutory obligations, as a minimum, in order to lower levels of air pollution and reduce the impact of existing air pollution on the health of residents, workers and visitors. Effect: The City Corporation does not fulfil statutory obligations and air pollution remains a problem, impacting on health. Potential for legal action against the Corporation | Impact | 12 | The risk remains unchanged 23 Apr 2021 | Impact | 6 | 31-Dec- 2024 Reduce | Constant |
| | for failure to deliver obligations and protect health. Adverse effect on ability to deliver outcomes 2 and 11 of the Corporate Plan | | | | | | | |

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| CR21 001a Implement policies | Implement the policies contained in the City of London Air Quality Strategy 2015-2020. The strategy contains 10 policy areas with 60 specific actions. An annual report will be produced demonstrating progress with each action. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 31-May- 2018 | 31-Aug- 2016 |
| CR21 001b Review Air Quality | Review and assess air quality in line with statutory obligations of the Environment Act 1995. Submit all relevant statutory reports. Approval of all reports by Defra and the GLA will demonstrate compliance with statutory obligations. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 31-May- 2018 | 31-Aug- 2016 |
| CR21 001d Develop communication s strategy. | Develop and implement a robust communications strategy to ensure people have sufficient information to reduce their exposure on days of 'high' air pollution. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 31-May- 2018 | 31-Mar- 2017 |
| CR21 001e Develop plan | Develop and implement a plan for reducing the impact of diesel vehicles on air pollution in the Square Mile. This is to complement the work being undertaken by the Mayor of London to reduce air pollution in the central zone through the implementation of the Ultra Low Emission Zone. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 14-Jan-2020 | 31-Dec- 2019 |
| CR21 001f Investigate options to reduce emissions. | Investigate options to reduce emissions from combustion plant in the City using local legislation. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 14-Jan-2020 | 30-Sep- 2019 |
| CR21 001g Renew AQ Strategy | Renew the City of London Air Quality Strategy | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 14-Jan-2020 | 29-Mar- 2019 |
| CR21 001h Publish annual report of air quality data | Develop baseline model for compliance assessment and publish annual report of air quality data | The assessment for 2020 will be undertaken by summer 2021 once the data for 2020 has been fully ratified | Ruth Calderwood | 23-Apr- 2021 | 31-Dec- 2025 |
| CR21 001i Compliant vehicles | 100% of vehicles owned or leased by the CoL are electric or hybrid by 2025 | 5 all electric refuse vehicles have been purchased for the refuse collection contract | Ruth Calderwood | 23-Apr- 2021 | 31-Dec- 2025 |

| | Develop and support an Emission Reduction Private Members Bill for London local authorities | Still awaiting second reading in the House of Lords | - 1 | 31-Dec- 2021 |
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| CR21 001k Engine idling programme | Manage pan London idling vehicle engine programme | 8 1 8 | - 1 | 20-Mar- 2020 |
| CR211 Compliance with NO2 target | | % compliance will be available late Spring | - 1 | 31-Dec- 2024 |

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| MCP-PHPP 001 Brexit - Impact on Port Health and Animal Health 08-Nov-2016 Jon Averns | Cause: The outcome of Brexit negotiations does not secure continuity of contracts, access to talent, ongoing grant funding and/or security of supply chains. Event: The City Corporation services fail to prepare appropriately for the end of the Brexit transition period on 31 December 2020. Uncertainty around the potential outcomes until it is too late to react. Effect: There are a range of potential impacts. The City Corporation's services are disrupted due to increases/changes in trade and as supply chains and contracts are reassessed, potentially increasing cost and reprioritisation of resources. Increased risk to public, animal and environmental health due to legislative changes. Increased risk and cost to consumers. Inadequate IT support if current EU software is replaced by bespoke UK systems that do not have sufficient functionality. Reduction in income if charging regimes are not established as part of Brexit. Potential for increased workload depending on whether agreement is reached from 'no deal' (check everything), through to no checks on EU products based and on risk via a full reciprocal arrangement (status quo). | Impact | On 11 March 2021, the government announced that the implementation of new border checks would be delayed for another six months, as follows: • Stage 2 (documentary checks) will now commence in October 2021. • Stage 3 (full physical checks) will now commence in January 2022. • Live animal checks will commence from March 2022. Port Health is in discussions with government departments regarding the details of stages 2 and 3, and this includes funding for 2021/22 and 2022/23. The current risk rating continues to be 'red' due to remaining uncertainties. 04 May 2021 | | 01-Jan-2022 | Constant |

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| MCP-PHPP 001a Liaise with Government departments and agencies. | Contribute to UK Government Listening mode. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 09-Oct-2019 | 31-Dec- 2020 |
| MCP-PHPP | Commission an independent report on the potential | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 09-Oct-2019 | 30-Sep- |

| 001b Relevant legislation | implications of the UK's exit from the EU on Animal Health and Port Health | | | T. | 2017 |
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| MCP-PHPP 001c Liaison with Remembrancer and other CoL depts. | Engage with stakeholders to assist in the identification of impacts and possible mitigations. Ensure Remembrancer and CoL depts are fully aware of the implications of Brexit on PH and PP and that they lobby accordingly. | Our previous actions have been completed. We are awaiting more details about the next implementation stages before considering further lobbying. | Jon Averns | 04-May- 2021 | 01-Jan- 2022 |
| MCP-PHPP 001d Respond promptly to developments | Respond promptly to policy decisions from the UK Government and the outcome of negotiations. | We are awaiting more details about the next implementation stages before considering further lobbying. | Jon Averns | 04-May- 2021 | 01-Jan- 2022 |
| MCP-PHPP- 001e Develop Measures to mitigate increased throughput | Develop Measures to mitigate the potential increase in throughput at the ports and airports | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 11-Dec- 2020 | 31-Oct- 2019 |
| MCP-PHPP- 001f Develop measures to mitigate the potential loss of qualified staff. | Develop measures to mitigate the potential loss of qualified staff of which there is a scarcity in the UK employment market. | This action is complete. | Jon Averns | 11-Dec- 2020 | 31-Oct- 2019 |

Department of Markets and Consumer Protection COVID-19 Risks (excluding completed actions)

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| CVD19 SGPS 19 City Mortality Planning Group (M&CP) | Cause: The spread of COVID 19 is resulting in a large number of excess deaths over the time of the epidemic curve lasting some months. Critical services in the death management process must be enhanced and maintained during this period at a time when staff resource is vulnerable. Event: The death management process including all statutory responsibilities must be working efficiently with no bottlenecks to ensure the dignity of the deceased is maintained as is the confidence of the bereaved. This includes Coronial processes, mortuary, body transportation and body storage. Effect: The critical services being unable to cope with the numbers of deceased particularly if staff numbers are compromised through infection or bereavement | | 4 | The City Mortality Planning Group has brought together a range of stakeholders involved in the death management process. This is to assess the impact and consequences of the pandemic on the ability of the City of London to deliver essential services relating to the death management process, and to implement subsequent contingency options where necessary. London is no longer in an excess death scenario with deaths now back within the 5 year average. The SPI-M-O reasonable worse case planning assumptions at present are forecasting London to remain within the 5 year average for the coming months. The London Mortality Management Group is making arrangements to stand down from May 2021 at which time this risk will be closed. | Impact | 01-Jul-2021 | |

| 09-Apr-2020 | | The risk score has been reduced to reflect the current situation. 04 May 2021 | | Reduce | Constant |
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| impact and consequences | range of stakeholders involved in the death management process. This is to assess the impact and consequences of | average. The SPI-M-O reasonable worse case planning assumptions at present are forecasting London to remain within the 5 year average for the coming months. The London Mortality Management Group is making arrangements to stand down from May 2021, at which time this action will be closed. | 04-May- 2021 | 01-Jul-2021 |

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| CVD19 SGPS 20 HARC Animal Welfare (M&CP) 09-Apr-2020 Robert Quest | Cause: The spread of COVID-19 continues to escalate affecting key staff and businesses. Event: The reduction in airline operations and the loss of key staff. Failure to deliver statutory and critical services at the HARC. Impact: Loss of business results in a significant loss of income. Because of the specialist nature of some of the services we may be unable to fulfil our statutory duties leading to financial and reputational damage to the City. Staff shortages could also have an impact on the welfare of resident animals. In addition to loss of income through reduced throughput, there is a possibility of some clearing agents going out of business. A bad debt figure of £150k has been made for 2019-2020 budget. | Impact | 12 | Critical services are at significant risk from the loss of specialist personnel. Current mitigations are reducing the risk of not being able to maintain the services but as the COVID-19 outbreak increases its spread, the impacts on each of the critical services will increase. Staff availability is being monitored closely. The lockdowns throughout the year impacted trade. However, the budget position at the end of 2020/21 was satisfactory. 04 May 2021 | Impact | 4 | 30-Sep- 2021 | Constant |

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| CVD19 SGPS | Review income and trade | The lockdowns throughout the year impacted trade. However, the budget position at the end of | Robert | 04-May- | 30-Sep- |
| 20d Financial | | 2020/21 was satisfactory. | Quest | 2021 | 2021 |
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| | Cause: The spread of COVID 19 causes loss of critical staff attendance. Event: The London Port Health Authority will struggle to maintain a minimum number of staff at inspection facilities that are required to carry out regulatory enforcement checks on food and feed required by DEFRA and the FSA amongst others. There will also be reduced throughput of imports. Effects: This will lead to delays and checks carried out by supplementary staff increase the risk of non- conforming import consignments of food and feed coming in and reduces our intelligence gathering ability. Reduced throughput will lead to loss of income to the City. | Impact | 6 | Throughput has stabilised over a number of months and is now back to pre-COVID levels: trade in early 2021 remained high. This is under constant review and we will continue to monitor the situation. We are continuously monitoring staff availability. Lateral flow testing for staff is now available on site. 04 May 2021 | Impact 4 | 01-Jul-2021 Reduce | Constant |

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| CVD19 SGPS 21b Focus resources | * | J 5 J | 04-May- 2021 | 01-Jul-2021 |
| 21c Discuss and | non-signed documents. In conjunction with Central | 8 1 , 1 | 04-May- 2021 | 01-Jul-2021 |

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| CVD19 SGPS 22 Port Health Infectious disease control (M&CP) 09-Apr-2020 Peter Markwell | Cause: The spread of COVID 19 on a vessel prevents operation of the vessel. Event: Cruise ship operations disrupted and vessels unable to leave port. Effect: Health & welfare of staff on vessels adversely affected. | Likelihood | | Port Health staff continue to monitor vessels that remain in the port of Tilbury with our Marine and Public Health colleagues. Other public health issues are also being dealt with during the vessels' time within port. This continues to be kept under constant review. The target date has been moved to September 2021 which is when everyone is due to have been offered the COVID-19 vaccination. 04 May 2021 | Impact | 2 | 30-Sep- 2021 | Constant |

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| CVD19 SGPS 22e Contact PHE | advice procedures and comms. | | 2 | 30-Sep- 2021 |

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| CVD19 SGPS 34 HARC Emerging recovery (M&CP) 01-Jun-2020 Robert Quest | Cause: Rise in number of arrivals at Heathrow requires increased staff, so a greater risk of not being able to maintain social distancing. This is compounded by the size of the accommodation and lack of available space. Event: A whole shift having to self-isolate should one person develop COVID-19 symptoms. Impact: Failure to deliver service leading to reputational damage to the City. Full cost recovery not being achieved due to large numbers of animals in a consignment. | Impact | | An 'OK to forward' procedure has been put in place to even out consignments and help the service to be more efficient. We are aware that there are still many pets waiting to be exported to the UK. A number of employees are coming to the end of their fixed term contracts. The HARC continues to work with HR to extend contracts. The Service continues to look at the potential for using other areas to provide greater capacity. Lateral flow testing for staff is now available on site. 04 May 2021 | Impact | 4 | 30-Sep- 2021 | Constant |

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|] | Extend the amount of accommodation and available space for staff to work. | Extend the amount of accommodation and available space The service is reviewing the possibilities and developing plans to provide increased space at | Extend the amount of accommodation and available space over the HARC which will allow greater throughput. There was a visit to site by a contractor on 10 November 2020 to scope the necessary work: feedback from the contractor is still awaited. Works inside the building are now complete. The Service continues to look at the potential for using other areas to provide greater capacity. | Extend the amount of accommodation and available space or staff to work. The service is reviewing the possibilities and developing plans to provide increased space at the HARC which will allow greater throughput. There was a visit to site by a contractor on 10 November 2020 to scope the necessary work: feedback from the contractor is still awaited. Works inside the building are now complete. The Service continues to look at the potential for using other areas to provide greater capacity. |