

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Finance Committee – For information	Dated: 14 January 2025
Subject: Chamberlain’s Departmental Risk Management Update	Public report: For Information
This proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes• provides statutory duties	Providing Excellent Services Flourishing Public Spaces
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	£0
What is the source of Funding?	n/a
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	n/a
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Summary

This report has been written to provide the Finance Committee with an update on the risks the Chamberlain’s department faces, focusing on the Financial Corporate and Departmental risks.

There is currently one RED risk on the Corporate Risk Register within the responsibility of the Chamberlain and one RED risk on the Chamberlain’s departmental risk register. The Chamberlain’s Senior Leadership Team and divisional management teams within the department regularly review and update the risk register, potential risks and opportunities.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. The Risk Management Framework of the City of London Corporation requires each Chief Officer to report regularly to the Committee the key risks faced in their department. The Finance Committee has determined that it will receive the Chamberlain’s Risk Register at each meeting.

2. The Digital Information Technology Service (DITS) as a part of the Chamberlain's Department risks are reported to the Digital Services Committee for oversight.

Current Position

Corporate Risk – RED

3. Department currently has one financial RED Corporate Risk, all risks are regularly reviewed and several mitigating measures are in place to prevent the realisation of these risks or future risks.
4. **CR38 Unsustainable Medium-Term Finances – City's Estate** following the November decision of the Court of Common Council on the Smithfield and Billingsgate markets, the risk score will be reviewed upon the approval of the next iteration of the City's Estate Medium-Term Financial Plan by the Committee in February 2025. It is anticipated that the current RED 16 risk score will be reduced and will be presented to the Chief Officer Risk Management Group.
5. The next edition of the medium-term financial plan will provide clarity on the impact and effectiveness of the in-place mitigations. Work has commenced on the longer term (20 year) financial plan, including the first quarterly workshop hosted in December between the Chamberlain's and Surveyors team to establish the project team and scrutinising financing options for future projects.
6. The risk score for CR35 **Unsustainable Medium-Term Finances – City Fund (current score AMBER 12)** will alike be reviewed following the approval of the next Medium Term Financial Plan, following recent spending commitments on the Barbican and confirmation of the resetting of business rates baselines in 26/27, it is anticipated that the risk score will increase. Appropriate mitigation strategies will be considered for Member consideration.

Departmental Risks – RED

7. **CHB002 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Finances** has a risk score of RED 16. Work is being finalised on the draft five-year financial projection for HRA. The estimates will be presented to committee for approval in January 2025. The draft projections continue to indicate a finely balanced position, with additional monitoring on the capital forecasts.

Conclusion

8. Members are asked to note the actions taken by Chamberlain's Department to manage all risks. Actions aim to continue monitoring and reducing the risk level and will be reported on at future Finance Committees.

Appendices

- [Appendix 1 – Departmental Risk Register](#)

Background Papers

Chamberlain's Departmental Risk Management Update Reports

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