

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee: Planning and Transportation Committee	Dated: 02/12/2025
Subject: Risk Management Update Report	Public report: For Information
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Summary

This report provides the Planning and Transportation Committee with assurance that risk management procedures in place within the Environment Department are satisfactory and that they meet the requirements of the Corporate Risk Management Framework.

Risk is reviewed regularly within each service area as part of the ongoing management of operations. 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.

This report considers the key business risks managed by the service areas of the Environment Department which fall within the remit of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report and the actions being taken by the Environment Department to identify, mitigate and effectively manage risks arising from their operations.

Main Report

Background

1. The Risk Management Framework of the City of London Corporation requires each Chief Officer to report regularly to Committee on the key risks faced by their department.
2. To fulfil this requirement, the key risks held by the service areas of the Environment Department which fall within the remit of the Planning and Transportation Committee are presented to you every four months.
3. Risk Management is discussed regularly by the Department's Senior Leadership Team and at the meetings of each service area's Senior Management Team.
4. Between Management Team meetings, risks are reviewed in consultation with risk and control owners, and updates are recorded in the corporate risk management system.

Current Position

5. This report provides an update on the key risks to the operations of service areas of the Environment Department which fall within the remit of the Planning and Transportation Committee:
 - The Planning and Development Division, including the District Surveyor
 - The City Operations Division: Highways and Transportation services

Summary of key risks

6. The key risks held by the service areas which report to your committee are summarised below and the detailed Risk Register is presented at Appendix 2. The Register contains eight risks (two currently scored as RED, five as AMBER and one GREEN).
7. Since the date of the last report to your Committee, all risks have been reviewed and updated in the risk management information system.
8. The two highest risks remain:
 - **ENV-CO-TR 001: Road Safety** which is currently scored at Red 24 (possible likelihood, with an extreme impact) to reflect the risk of a fatal collision occurring. Officers are undertaking a range of projects, campaigns and engagement activities to deliver safe streets, as described in Appendix 2.

- **ENV-CO-HW 010: Car parks: Fire safety** which addresses the risk of a fire occurring in one of the City's car parks. This risk has a current score of Red 16 (unlikely to occur, but an extreme impact). A fire risk mitigation report was approved previously by this Committee and works have now started. Once complete, these works may enable a reduction in the Red risk rating. Further details are provided at Appendix 2.

9. The other key risks are as follows. Appropriate actions are in place to control each risk:

- **ENV-CO-HW 009: Car parks: Repairs and maintenance (AMBER, 12)**
- **ENV-CO-TR 003: Transport and public realm projects not delivered due to lack of funding (AMBER, 12)**
- **ENV-PD-DS-001: The District Surveyor's (Building Control) Division becomes too small to be viable (AMBER, 12)**
- **ENV-PD-DS 003: Inspecting dangerous structures (AMBER, 8)**
- **ENV-CO-HW 006: Working in confined spaces (AMBER, 8)**
- **ENV-PD-PD 007: Adverse planning policy context (GREEN, 4)**

10. New and emerging risks are identified through a number of channels, the main being:

- Directly by Senior Management Teams as part of the regular review process.
- In response to ongoing review of progress made against Business Plan objectives and performance measures, e.g., slippage of target dates or changes to expected performance levels.
- In response to emerging events and changing circumstances which have the potential to impact on the delivery of services, such as availability of funding, new or amended legislation.

Corporate and Strategic Implications

11. Effective management of risk is at the heart of the City Corporation's approach to delivering cost effective and valued services to the public as well as being an important element within the corporate governance of the organisation.

12. The proactive management of risk, including the reporting process to Members, demonstrates that the department is adhering to the requirements of the City of London Corporation's Risk Management Policy and Strategy.

13. The risk management processes in place in the Environment Department support the delivery of the Corporate Plan, our Departmental and Divisional Business Plans and relevant Corporate Strategies.

Conclusion

14. Members are asked to note that risk management processes within each service area adhere to the requirements of the City Corporation's Risk Management Framework. Risks identified within the operational and strategic responsibilities of each area are proactively managed.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – City of London Corporation Risk Matrix
- Appendix 2 – Environment Department Key Risks (Planning and Transportation Committee)

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