

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Audit and Performance Review Committee: 20 December 2006

Subject: Risk Management Progress Report

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with further information on work carried out to implement the Council's Risk Management obligations.

2. Background

2.1 On 8 March 2006, the Audit and Performance Review Committee approved the Council's revised Risk Management Strategy and Risk Calculating Methodology.

3. Progress to Date

3.1 Following approval of the new Risk Management Strategy and Risk Calculating Methodology, a further 5 half day training courses on Risk Management for members of the Senior Managers have been arranged with the Council's Insurers (Zurich Municipal). On completion of this training the majority of the Senior Managers Network will have received Risk Management Training. It is anticipated that this training will be completed by March 2007.

3.2 Following the appointment of the new Chief Executive and members of the Corporate Management Team, the Strategic Risk Identification process has been temporarily delayed in order to allow the new Directors sufficient opportunity to undertake a proper risk analysis. Accordingly, the process will recommence in early January 2007.

3.3 Existing departmental risk registers are currently being reviewed and transferred into the new risk register format. In that connection, Social Work Services is complete, Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services 95% complete, Education and Cultural Services 40% complete and the Chief Executives Department 30% complete. The new registers are more comprehensive and split the Services into their relevant sections.

3.4 The guidance note and risk register on partnership risk is currently being reviewed by the Community Partnership and the Policy Unit.

3.5 We are intending from January 2007, to insert a Risk Analysis Section into the standard committee report template. This section will require that services assess the risks associated with major projects and requests for funding.

4. Personnel Implications

4.1 There are minimal personnel implications directly associated with the development of the Council's Risk Management Strategy.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There is a cost of £2,500 associated with running the Risk Management training for Senior Managers. This is necessary in order to embed risk management throughout the Authority. Unfortunately, as there is no specific budget for Risk Management, this cost has required to be funded by Legal and Administrative Services.

6. Recommendation

6.1 **The Committee is invited to note the progress being made in the development of the Council's Risk Management Programme.**

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Wards affected: All Wards

Background Papers: Report by the Director of Corporate Services
Meeting of Audit and Performance Review Committee 8
March 2006 (Review of Risk Management Strategy)

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