WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Audit and Performance Review Committee: 21 June 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, 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 two day training course on Risk Management for Senior Managers was carried out by the Council's Insurers (Zurich Municipal).
- 3.2 A further six half-day training sessions have been secured for members of the Senior Manager Network.
- 3.3 Legal and Administrative Services have produced an operational Risk Register in the new format using the new Risk Calculating Methodology.
- 3.4 Existing departmental Risk Registers will be used in the first instance to populate the new operational Registers for departments.
- 3.5 A short presentation to the Corporate Management Team on the progress of Risk Management will take place on the 11th July 2006.
- 3.6 A Strategic Risk Questionnaire, which is currently being drafted, will be completed by members of the Corporate Management Team. The end result will help populate the Strategic Risk Register.
- 3.7 A Risk Management section is currently being prepared for inclusion in the Legal and Administrative Services intranet site. This site will provide information and guidance to all Council departments.

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 are no direct financial implications associated with the development of the Council's Risk Management Strategy although it is anticipated that savings will eventually accrue to the Council through development of polices and procedures. For example, the Council should benefit from some reduction in its insurance premiums following the development of the Council's Risk Management Programme.

6. Recommendations

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

Ti Hughel

Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive

Person to Contact: John Duffy, Risk Management Advisor, Telephone 01389 737897

Background Papers: Report by the Director of Corporate Services

Meeting of Audit and Performance Review Committee 8 March

2006 (Review of Risk Management Strategy)

Wards affected: All Wards