

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Audit and Performance Review Committee: 14 March 2007

Subject: Risk Management Progress Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To provide 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** By the end of March 2007, 90% of the Senior Management Network, the CMT and other senior managers will have received Risk Management training.
- 3.2** The Strategic Risk Identification process has been recommenced and Directors and Heads of Service will be interviewed over the coming weeks. It is envisaged that this process should be concluded by June 2007 and a draft strategic risk register will be in place by July 2007.
- 3.3** Departmental risk registers are now with services for completion. In that connection, Social Work Services, Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services and Education and Cultural Services are complete and the Chief Executive's Department is 30% complete. As the new registers are more comprehensive and split the Services into their relevant sections, Services are being asked to look at the risks, the control measure and risk rating to ensure they are valid and where appropriate produce a risk management action plan for high and medium risks.
- 3.4** The guidance note and risk register on partnership risk is currently being reviewed by the Community Partnership and the Policy Unit. There was a slight delay in this process because of the change in the Partnership Manager.
- 3.5** There is now a Risk Analysis Section in the standard committee report template. This section will require that services assess the risks associated with major projects and requests for funding.
- 3.6** The Risk Management Intranet and Internet sites are both up and running.

4. Personnel Implications

- 4.1** There are minimal personnel implications directly associated with the implementation 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 and this will be paid for from the Risk Management budget. This is necessary in order to embed risk management throughout the Authority.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** Failure to embed risk management throughout the Council may result in an adverse report from Audit Scotland and impact on the Council's reputation.

Successfully embedding risk management throughout the Council will result in improved service provision, best value and have a positive impact on the Council's reputation.

7. Recommendation

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

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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