

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Audit and Performance Review Committee: 20 September 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, six half day training courses on Risk Management for members of the Senior Managers was carried out by the Council's Insurers (Zurich Municipal).
- 3.2** A short presentation to the Corporate Management Team on the progress of Risk Management Network took place on the 1st September 2006.
- 3.3** A Strategic Risk Questionnaire has been circulated to directors and heads of service for completion. The questionnaire along with the outcome of strategic risk interviews will be used as the means to refine the council's strategic risks. The end result will help populate the Strategic Risk Register.
- 3.4** Existing departmental risk registers are currently being reviewed and transferred into the new risk register format.
- 3.5** A guidance note and risk register on partnership risk is currently being drafted by the risk management section in liaison with the policy unit. The purposes of these documents are to protect the interests of the council when entering partnerships.

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 policies and procedures.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1** 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

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