

REPORT TO:	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8
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SUBJECT:	RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATE	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: AG06

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 The Committee notes the revisions made to the Risk Management Framework in Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 The Framework has been revised to incorporate the recommendations arising from the audit undertaken by Central Midlands Audit Partnership, which concluded in July.

2.2 The Framework has also been updated to include the latest risk register template, as reported to Audit and Governance Committee, section 4.4, 18 June 2025 and to reflect the latest South Derbyshire District Council Committees Responsibilities for Functions.

2.3 Under this Committee's Terms of Reference, it is responsible for monitoring the effective development and operation of risk management

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 The Risk Management Framework was last submitted to the Audit Sub Committee on the 19 June 2024 and Finance and Management Committee on the 20 June 2024.

3.2 Central Midlands Audit Partnership have undertaken a review of the Risk Management Framework, with the final report being provided in July 2025.

3.3 Following conclusion of the audit by Central Midlands Audit Partnership an assurance rating of 'reasonable' was given with two recommendations made, one was considered

a low risk and one a moderate risk. One additional minor risk was noted for consideration.

4.0 Detail

4.1 The below bullet points outline the key amendments made to the Risk Management Framework:

- Section 4.1 Overview of the Risk Management Process has been updated to reference the Audit and Governance Committee and to update the escalation process for Operational Risks to include the appropriate Executive Director.
- Section 4.8 Reporting arrangements has been updated to include reporting line flowcharts for Operational and Strategic risks as recommended by Central Midlands Audit Partnership (recommendation number 1: Reporting lines were not clearly defined in the Council's Risk Management Framework (low risk.)
- Section 4.8 Strategic Risk Register updated to remove Finance and Management Committee and replace with Audit and Governance Committee.
- Section 6.0 Ownership and Accountability has been updated to remove reference to the Audit Sub Committee and replace with the Audit and Governance Committee.
- Section 8.0 Risk Management Training has been updated to reflect the Council's mandatory Risk Management training programme as recommended by Central Midlands Audit Partnership (recommendation number 2: At the time of the audit, risk management training was still in development and not yet in place.
- Appendix 1 Risk Register Template. Has been updated to reflect the latest version of the template.
- Appendix 2 Risk Appetite. Has been updated with a paragraph at the beginning of the section to outline how the risk appetite should be used to assess risks to the Council as recommended by Central Midlands Audit Partnership as a minor risk for consideration.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None directly arising from this Report.

6.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

6.1 None directly.

Legal Implications

6.2 None directly.

Corporate Plan Implications

6.3 The Risk Management Framework has been updated to align with the Council Plan 2024-2028.

Risk Impact

- 6.4 The Risk Management Framework provides transparency and ensures robust controls are in place to mitigate risk to the Council.

7.0 Community Impact

Consultation

Not applicable in the context of the report.

Equality and Diversity Impact

- 7.1 Not applicable in the context of the report.

Social Value Impact

- 7.2 Not applicable in the context of the report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.3 Not applicable in the context of the report.

8.0 Conclusions

- 8.1 The Risk Management Framework has been amended to fully address the recommendations made by Central Midlands Audit Partnership and to reflect the latest risk register template and the Council's Committees Responsibilities for Functions.

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 [Audit Sub Committee Report – Risk Management 19th June 2024, Finance and Management Committee Report – Risk Management 20th June 2024. Audit and Governance Committee on the 18 June 2025.](#)
- 9.2 Appendix A – Risk Management Framework.