

Matter which the Chairman has decided is urgent be reason of the need to consider the Reference from Governance and Audit Committee in conjunction with the Corporate Risk Register Quarter 2 Update Cabinet Report'

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 10TH JANUARY, 2022

REFERENCE FROM GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: 13TH DECEMBER, 2021

“ CORPORATE RISK REGISTER QUARTER 2 UPDATE (MD) -

The purpose of the report was to update Committee on the Quarter 2 position of Corporate Risks for April 2021 - September 2021 contained within the Corporate Risk Register as outlined in the Corporate Risk Summary Report.

The report provided Members with an overview of the Corporate Risk Register for Quarter 2 (April 2021-September 2021). A risk analysis was incorporated within the Corporate Risk Summary Report (Annex A to the report). This enabled officers and Members to identify and assess trends and the cross-cutting nature of risks with the ability to drill down to the detail of risks as and when required.

The Head of Policy and Business Transformation asked Members to consider the addition of two new risks to the Register. Both of these related to the area of Social Care, so the Director of Social Services was invited to provide a summary.

The Director stated that the first additional risk, was market fragility within the Care Home and Care Providers sectors. This related to sufficiency of staffing, which had meant a reduction in the number of care beds and domiciliary care packages available. The Director added that Care Homes were under pressure to recruit and retain staff which had meant that there had been a reduction in beds. Furthermore, some Care Homes had recently closed, so it was good that the Council still had a presence with the Care Home sector which gave some element of control which the Director stated he did not want loose.

In addition, another key challenge for Care Providers was the ability to secure insurance cover, which was becoming more difficult. This related to all three types of insurance – public liability, building and contents insurance. The Committee agreed that further information regarding the insurance issues should be provided.

The second additional risk related to demand management and service capacity. The Director advised that this related to meeting the needs of an ageing population and an increase in the number of older people requiring support and also the number of complex care packages for children.

The Committee agreed for the two additional risks to be added to the Register.

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Quarter 2 position of corporate risks for the period April 2021-September 2021 as outlined in Annex A be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet be requested to endorse the inclusion of two new Corporate risks on the Register (Market Fragility Risk and Demand Management and Service Capacity Risk) as outlined in Annex A.
- (3) T H A T the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be considered by Cabinet at the meeting when Cabinet will consider a report on the Corporate Risk Register for quarter 2.
- (4) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee receives further information regarding the insurance issues being faced by Care Homes and Care Providers.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the Quarter 2 Risk Register update report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To identify the quarter 2 position of corporate risks across the Council along with actions to be taken to address these risks as well as highlighting emerging risks for inclusion on the Register as outlined in Annex A.
- (3) On the request for the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee to be considered when the Risk Register Quarter 2 position is presented to Cabinet.
- (4) To provide a more detailed information of the insurance issues facing Care Homes and Care Providers.”