# Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy



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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Council, like all organisations faces a wide range of risks. The aim of this policy is to communicate why *Risk and Opportunity Management* is important, why it must be carried out and to provide an explanation of the approach that is to be taken.

*Risk* is defined as an uncertain event, or set of events, that should it occur will have an effect on our ability to achieve our objectives. Generally, risks are perceived as negative but that is not always the case. There are occasionally uncertainties that could have a positive impact, referred to as Opportunities.

Risk Management is the systematic application of principles and processes to identify and assess risk, along with the planning and implementation of responses. It is an integral part of internal control and for local government is a statutory requirement, defined in the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.

Embedding risk management throughout the Council is not just about legal requirements. Effective risk management will lead to:

- improved performance by contributing to fewer shocks and unwelcome surprises;
- more efficient use of our resources;
- better, more informed decision-making and;
- an ability to exploit opportunities.

Risk and Opportunity Management is both a statutory requirement and an indispensable element of corporate governance and good management. It has never been more important to have an effective Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy in place to ensure we are able to discharge our various functions and deliver public services efficiently and cost effectively. The last risk strategy was prepared in 2013 and this strategy is a complete re-work, based on feedback received from the Devon Audit Partnership.

Risk is unavoidable. It is an important part of life that allows us all to move forward and develop. Successful risk management is about ensuring that we have the correct level of control in place to provide sufficient protection from harm, without stifling our development.

The Council's overriding attitude to risk is to operate in a culture of creativity and innovation, in which all key risks are identified in all areas of the business and are understood and proactively managed, rather than avoided. Risk and opportunity management therefore needs to be taken into the heart of the Council and our key partners and stakeholders.

We need to have the structures and processes in place to ensure the risks and opportunities of daily Council activities are identified, assessed and addressed in a standard way. We do not shy away from risk but instead seek to proactively manage it. This will allow us not only to meet the needs of the community today, but also be prepared to meet future challenges.

The Council will record the significant risks identified as potential threats to the delivery of its objectives within Risk and Opportunity Registers and incorporate mitigation controls within action plans to include details of any opportunities that may arise from the successful management of each risk. Risks will be monitored every 6 months and findings reported via the Council's Audit Committee.

The benefits gained with a Risk and Opportunity Management Framework are improved strategic, operational and financial management, better decision making, improved compliance and, most importantly, improved customer service delivery and better outcomes for the residents of South Hams and West Devon.

We embrace risk and opportunity management to support the delivery of our vision and to enable the provision of high quality services to the residents of South Hams and West Devon.

#### THE RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

#### What is a Risk?

Risk is most commonly held to mean "hazard" and something to be avoided but it has another face – that of opportunity. Improving public services requires innovation – seizing new opportunities and managing the risks involved. In this context risk is defined as uncertainty of outcome, whether positive opportunity or negative threat of actions and events. It is the combination of likelihood and impact, including perceived importance.

#### What is Risk and Opportunity Management?

Risk and Opportunity Management is the culture, processes and structures that are directed towards effective management of potential opportunities and threats to an organisation achieving its objectives.

This Strategy is intended to reaffirm and improve effective Risk and Opportunity Management in South Hams and West Devon, comply with good practice and in doing so, effectively manage potential opportunities and threats to the organisation achieving its objectives.

# 2. TYPES OF RISK - STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL

Strategic risks affect or are created by our business strategy and strategic objectives. They can be defined as the uncertainties and untapped opportunities embedded in strategic intent and how well they are executed. As such, they are key matters for our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and impinge on the whole organisation, rather than just an isolated department or community of practice. Inclusion of a risk in the strategic risk and opportunity register indicates that it is one of a number of risks that the Council (particularly elected members and the extended leadership team) need to be aware of and ensure appropriate management arrangements are in place to manage/mitigate them.

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people and systems or from external events. Operational risks should link to each service area's Business / Service Plan.

#### 3. RISK ANALYSIS AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

The SLT will monitor and manage the delivery of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy at a strategic level.

The purpose of this is to effectively embed Risk and Opportunity Management within the ethos of the Council's culture as an integral part of strategic planning, decision-making and its performance management framework.

The SLT will also be responsible for the development and monitoring of the Strategic Risk and Opportunity Register, supported by the Statutory Officers Group.

The Extended Leadership Team (ELT), under the direction of the SLT, will be responsible for the delivery of this strategy at an operational level and for the development and monitoring of service level Operational Risk and Opportunity Registers.

#### 4. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Risk and Opportunity Management is essential to effective corporate governance. Key risks are included in the Annual Governance Statement which is published alongside the Statement of Accounts.

# 5. HEALTH & SAFETY

The Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy supports the corporate Health and Safety Policy in its commitment to the continuous improvement of health and safety performance, in particular by identifying key priorities and areas for improvement in health and safety management and risk control.

# 6. EMBEDDING RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

The Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy is to be reviewed annually to ensure it remains up to date. The Finance Portfolio holder and SLT will jointly champion the process.

# 7. BENEFITS OF GOOD RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

Integration of risk and opportunity management into the culture and working practices of the Council and its delivery partnerships has numerous benefits, which include:

- Protecting and adding value to the Council and its stakeholders by supporting the achievement of the Council's vision and corporate priorities
- Improved strategic, operational and financial management
- Contributing to more efficient use/allocation of resources within the Council and its partners
- Keeping the Council within the requirements of the law
- Mitigation of key threats and taking advantage of key opportunities
- Protecting and enhancing assets and reputation
- Improving decision-making (making the right decisions), planning and prioritisation by comprehensive and structured understanding of activity and volatility
- Enabling future activity to take place in a consistent and controlled manner
- Promotion of innovation and change
- Improved customer service delivery
- Continuity of knowledge and information management processes
- Developing and supporting people and the Council's knowledge base
- Optimising operational efficiency and therefore delivering efficiency gains and value for money
- Better allocation of time and management effort to major issues
- Avoiding nasty surprises, shocks and crises
- Ensures our approach is aligned to 'Best Practice'
- Satisfies stakeholder/partners expectations on our internal control

# 8. CULTURE

The Council will be open in its approach to managing risks and will seek to avoid a blame culture. Lessons from events that lead to loss or reputational damage will be shared as well as lessons when things go well. Discussion on risk in any context will be conducted in an open and honest manner.

#### 9. GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE

The Statutory Officers Group, in conjunction with SLT and ELT will promote and monitor good practice, provide guidance, support, advice and information and organise training.

# 10. RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

South Hams District and West Devon Borough Council are aware that it is exposed to a very wide range of risks and threats to the delivery of key services to the community it serves.

The Council recognises that it has a responsibility to identify, evaluate and manage risk whilst still creating a fertile climate for innovation. It therefore supports a structured approach to risk and opportunity management through its corporate Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy, the aims and objectives of which are described below:

The aims of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy are to:

- Integrate and raise awareness of risk and opportunity management for all those connected with the delivery of Council services
- Embed risk and opportunity management as an integral part of strategic, service, information use, financial and project planning and policy making
- Establish a standard systematic approach to risk identification, analysis, control and monitoring and reviewing
- Provide a process for identifying threats or drawbacks that also includes finding and considering opportunities
- Provide a robust and transparent framework for managing risk and supporting decision making
- Support well thought-through risk taking
- Anticipate and respond to changing external and internal environment
- Embed risk and opportunity management as an integral part of delivering and aligning successful partnerships

The objectives of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy are:

- To embed Risk and Opportunity Management as part of the Council's culture of governance
- To provide a robust and systematic framework for identifying, managing and responding to risk
- To provide a robust and transparent track record of managing, communicating and responding to risk
- To encourage staff to think creatively about ways to work better, simpler and more effectively

#### 11. FRAMEWORK

The Council maintains two different types of Risk and Opportunity Register - Strategic and Operational.

The Strategic Register records risks that affect the aims and objectives of the corporate body – risks that hinder or stop successful achievement of corporate priorities and aims and are generally of a medium to long term nature. The Operational records those risks affecting the day to day departmental operations.

Both registers detail the following:-

- possible consequences of the risks identified, both negative (risks and threats) and positive (opportunities)
- potential impact and likelihood of the risk identified
- existing controls in place to mitigate the risks
- actions planned to mitigate the risks with relevant timescales and the responsible officers

The Strategic Register is owned by SLT. Operational Registers are maintained by the relevant CoP lead or the project board.

# 12. RISK AND OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFICATION

Before we can identify our risks and opportunities we need to establish the context by looking at what we are trying to achieve and what our proposed outcomes are.

Depending on the area under review, the relevant objectives and outcomes will usually be detailed in existing documents such as department business plans, project plans or partnership agreements.

There are a number of different types of risks that an organisation may face including financial loss, failure of service delivery, physical risks to people and damage to reputation.

Opportunities can arise from areas within the organisation and externally. Internal sources of opportunity include how the authority structures itself, partnerships with other entities, operational changes and technological innovation. External sources of opportunity include changes to political, legal, social and environmental forces.

Opportunities can also be identified by giving consideration to those that have been neglected because of perceived, but unexamined risk. These include:

- Learning from the past whilst past experience cannot necessarily be a predictor for future performance, signals that were ignored and missed opportunities can provide insight into organisational blind spots.
- Customer sensitivity trying to understand customer needs and creating systems to exploit this information can lead to great gains.
- Learning from others exploring and sharing best practice with other organisations can lead to benefits.
- Scenario planning can be a powerful tool for generating new ideas.
- Once the opportunity has been identified it should be described to include the expected benefits, contributions to business objectives and stakeholders.

# 13. RISK DESCRIPTION

The risks and opportunities identified need to be recorded in a structured format. A description covering the Cause, Event and Effect is used to scope a risk or opportunity. Some typical phrasing or statements are listed below:

Cause	Event	Effect
Because of As a result of	<pre><an event="" i.e.="" opportunity="" or="" risk="" uncertain=""> may occur</an></pre>	which would lead to <effect objective(s)="" on=""></effect>
Due to	opportunity may occur	objective(s)>

Event	Cause	Effect
Risk of Failure to Failure of Lack of Loss of Uncertainty of Delay in Inability to Inadequate Partnership with Development of Opportunity to	due to	leads to and/or result in

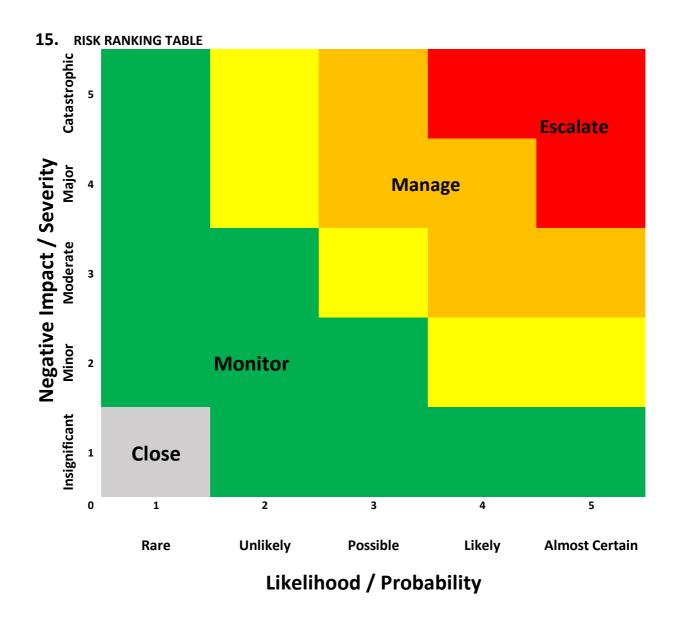
# **14.** RISK ANALYSIS

Once risks have been identified they need to be assessed systematically and accurately. The process requires as assessment of the level of risk by considering:

The probability of an event occurring – "likelihood" and the potential outcome of the consequences should such an event occur – "impact". The assessment will cover each element of the judgement and determine the score – with the worst child being the score that determines the overall risk score. The tables below give the scores and indicative definitions for each element of the risk ranking process:

#	Likelihood	Impact
	Rare - Unlikely to occur under normal circumstances 0-10%  Is never likely to occur Very unlikely this will ever happen e.g. Once in 100 years	Insignificant Risk Financial: Financial loss of less than £10k Service Quality: Drop in performance or delays to a process or temporary loss of an access route to a service Reputation: Limited local interest, single story Legal/Regulatory: Not reportable to regulator/Ombudsman, simple fix Health & Safety: Minor first aid required Morale/Staffing: Isolated staff dissatisfaction
1	Unlikely - Potential to occur however likelihood remains low 10 - 25%  May occur only in exceptional circumstances Not expected to happen, but is possible e.g. Once in 25 years Not known in this activity	Minor Risk Financial: Financial loss of between £10k & £100k Service Quality: Drop in performance or delays to a service area or sustained loss of access routes for services Reputation: Local or 'industry' interest, single story over multiple news outlets Legal/Regulatory: Reportable to regulator/Ombudsman, no or little follow up needed Health & Safety: Minor injuries to employees or third parties Morale/Staffing: Pockets of staff morale problems and increased turnover
***	Possible - Could occur 25 - 50%  Could occur in certain circumstances May happen occasionally, e.g. Once in 10 years Has happened elsewhere	Moderate Risk Financial: Financial loss of between £100k & £500k Service Quality: Drop in performance or delays to delivering a wide range of services Reputation: Short term negative media exposure Legal/Regulatory: Regulator/Ombudsman report with immediate correction to be implemented, or risk of prosecution Health & Safety: Simple 'medical professional' type care for employees or third parties, e.g. GP visit, minor injuries unit visit Morale/Staffing: General staff morale problems and increased turnover
4	Likely - Most likely will occur 50 - 80%  Will probably occur in many circumstances Will probably happen, but not a persistent issue e.g. Once in 3 years Has happened in the past	Major Risk Financial: Financial loss of between £500k & £1Mill Service Quality: Major drop in performance or inability to deliver discretionary services Reputation: Sustained negative media coverage, or South West or 'affected industry' publication exposure Legal/Regulatory: Regulator/Ombudsman report requiring major project to correct or prosecution with fines, etc. Health & Safety: Limited hospital care required for employees or third parties Morale/Staffing: Widespread morale problems and high turnover. Not perceived as employer of choice
ţ	Almost certainly will occur 80 - 100% Is expected to occur in most circumstances Will undoubtedly happen, possibly frequently e.g. Annually or more frequently Imminent/near miss	Catastrophic Financial: Financial loss of over £1Mill Service Quality: Major drop in performance or inability to deliver mandatory services Reputation: Long term negative media coverage, or national media exposure Legal/Regulatory: Significant prosecution or fines, incarceration of directors Health & Safety: Significant injuries or fatalities to employees or third parties Morale/Staffing: Some senior leaders leave / high turnover of experienced staff, insufficient staff to complete statutory functions

The risk ratings for each part of the assessment are then combined to give an overall ranking for each risk. The ratings can be plotted onto the risk matrix (see below), which assists in determining the risk priority and the amount of attention it deserves.



Risk Tolerance		
Red (High Risk)	20 - 25	Must be managed down urgently
Amber (Medium Risk)	11 - 19	Manage - Seek to influence short to medium term reduction or mitigation of risk
Yellow (Medium Low Risk)	7 – 10	Acceptable - Monitor and Manage in order to influence reduction in risk
Green (Low Risk)	2 - 6	Acceptable – Continue to Monitor & Regrade as circumstances change
Close (Minimal risk)	1	Remove from register

### **16.** RISK APPETITE

Risk appetite is the amount of risk, on a broad level that South Hams District and West Devon Borough Council is willing to accept in pursuit of value. It is strategic and reflects the organisation's risk management philosophy, and in turn influences the organisation's culture and operating style. Risk appetite guides resource allocation and provides the infrastructure necessary to effectively respond to and monitor risks.

Our aim is to consider all options to respond to risk appropriately and make informed decisions that are most likely to result in successful delivery of benefits whilst also providing an acceptable level of value for money.

The acceptance of risk is subject to ensuring that all potential benefits and risks are fully understood and that appropriate measures to mitigate risk are established before decisions are made. We recognise that the appetite for risk will vary according to the activity undertaken and hence different appetites and tolerances to risk apply.

Specifically, our approach is to minimise exposure to compliance, regulation, safeguarding and reputation risk, whilst accepting and encouraging an increased degree of risk in other areas in pursuit of our strategic and business objectives as illustrated in the diagram and statements below:

	Lower Risk				Higher Risk	
	Risk Score	1	2-6	7-10	11-19	20-25
	Financial	Accept & Close	Accept, but monitor	Manage & Monitor	Management Effort Required	Considerable Management Essential
	Service Quality / Operational	Accept & Close	Accept	Management Effort Worthwhile	Management Maybe Essential	Extensive Management Essential
Risk Category	Reputation	Accept & Close	Accept	Manage & Monitor	Management Effort Worthwhile	Extensive Management Essential
Risk Ca	Legal / Regulatory / Governance / Safeguarding	Accept & Close	Accept, but monitor	Management Effort Worthwhile	Management Maybe Essential	Considerable Management Essential
	Health & Safety	Accept & Close	Accept, but monitor	Manage & Monitor	Management Effort Worthwhile	Considerable Management Essential
	Morale / Staffing	Accept & Close	Accept	Management Effort Worthwhile	Management Maybe Essential	Extensive Management Essential

Lower Risk >>>>							>>>>> Higher Risk	
	Risk Appetite Scale	Accept	Accept but monitor	Manage & monitor	Management effort worthwhile	Management effort required	Considerable management required	

Risk Appetite Scale Definitions		
Extensive management essential	Escalate to Strategic Risk Register – Monthly review at SLT level – formal review at Audit Committee / Overview & Scrutiny Committee level every 6 months.	
Considerable management required	Consider escalation to Strategic Risk Register – Monthly review at ELT level – formal review at	

	SLT level every 6 months;			
	Project/Programme/Portfolio Risks – Monthly review at Project Board level and consider escalation to Strategic Risk Register.			
Management effort required	Add to Operational Risk Register and review at least quarterly at Community of Practice / Group Manager level (consider escalation to Strategic Risk Register if risk cannot be mitigated at CoP level) – formal review at SLT level every 6 months.			
Management effort worthwhile	Add to operational risk register and review quarterly at			
	CoP level – formal review at SLT level every 6 months;			
	Project/Programme/Portfolio Risks – Monthly review at Project Board level and consider escalation to Operational Risk Register.			
Manage and monitor	Add to operational risk register - formal review every 6 months.			
Accept but monitor	Can be managed locally within Team but consider adding to risk register if controls are likely to change;			
	Project/Programme/Portfolio Risks – Project/Programme Manager manage risk.			
Accept	Can be managed locally within Teams.			

#### **Risk Classifications**

**Financial** – The Council acknowledges the responsibility it has for administration of public funds, and wishes to emphasise to both the public and its employees the importance it places upon probity, financial control and honest administration. Financial Regulations provide the framework for managing the Council's financial affairs and should be adhered to at all times. All schemes must be fully financed and approved by SLT. Finance should be consulted when planning any new project.

**Operational/Service Quality** – The Council is committed to becoming a Co-operative Council and accepts a moderate to high level of risk arising from the nature of the Council's business operations and service delivery to deliver an appropriate level of service at value for money, whilst minimising any negative reputational impact.

**Reputation** – It is regarded as essential that the Council preserves a high reputation and hence it has set a low appetite for risk in the conduct of any of its activities that puts its reputation in jeopardy through any adverse publicity.

**Legal, Regulatory, Governance and Safeguarding** – The Council recognises the need to place high importance on compliance, regulation and public protection and has no appetite for breaches in statute, regulation, professional standards, ethics, bribery or fraud.

**Health & Safety** – The Council has a continuing obligation to look after the health and wellbeing of its staff and the residents affected by its service delivery. The Council has little appetite for risk in making the council a safe place to work and to do business with.

**Morale & Staffing** – The Council recognises that staff are critical to achieving its objectives and therefore the support and development of staff is key to making the Council an inspiring place to work. It has moderate to high appetite for decisions that involve staffing or culture to support transformational change and ensure the Council is continually improving.

The Council's Risk Appetite statement will be continually monitored to ensure it supports the organisation's risk and opportunity management strategy. Risk appetite is an important tool for effective risk monitoring and provides the following benefits:

- Forms an integral part of corporate governance
- Guides the allocation of resources

- Guides an organisations infrastructure, supporting its activities related to identifying, assessing, responding to and monitoring risks in pursuit of organisational objectives
- Is multi-dimensional, including when applied to the pursuit of value in the short term and the longer term of the strategic planning cycle
- Requires effective monitoring of the risk itself

# **17.** RISK RESPONSE

There are four basic ways of treating risk, which are:

Treat Ensuring effectiveness of existing controls and implementing new controls where considered

necessary and cost effective.

Transfer Involves another party bearing or sharing the risk i.e. via insurance

Tolerate Where it is not possible to treat or transfer. Consideration needs to be given to how the risk and

consequences of such are to be managed should they occur.

Terminate Deciding where possible not to continue or proceed with the activity in view of the level of risks

involved.

#### **OPPORTUNITY RESPONSE**

There are four basic ways of treating opportunity, which are:

Enhance Seek to increase the likelihood and/or the impact of the opportunity in order to maximise the

penefit.

Ignore Minor opportunities can be ignored, by adopting a reactive approach without taking any

explicit actions.

Share Seek a partner/stakeholder able to manage the opportunity, which can maximise the

likelihood of it happening and increase the potential benefits

Exploit Seek to make the opportunity definitely happen. Aggressive measures to ensure the benefits

from the opportunity are realised.

# 18. MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS FOR KEY RISKS

The reason for monitoring key risks is to create an early warning system for any movement in risk – key risks are defined as those which score 16 or above in accordance with the risk ranking table in section 15. High level red risks may be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee subject to Audit Committee recommendation. Risks scoring below 16 are considered to be managed effectively and therefore within the Council's "risk tolerance". Any risk scored 1 can be removed from the risk register and archived.

Risk Registers are living documents and therefore must be regularly reviewed and amended. The Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy requires risks recorded on the Strategic Risk and Opportunity Register and service level Operational Risk and Opportunity Registers to be formally monitored every six months by CoP leads in consultation with group managers and the Statutory Officers Group.

Monitoring reports are presented for approval to the SLT and to the Audit Committee. Operational red risks may be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The questions asked during monitoring are:

- Is the risk still relevant?
- Is there any movement in the risk score?
- Are the controls still in place and operating effectively?
- Has anything occurred which might change its impact and/or likelihood?
- Have potential opportunities been considered and maximised?
- Have any significant control failures or weaknesses occurred since the last monitoring exercise?
- If so, does this indicate whether the risk is increasing or decreasing?
- If the risk is increasing do I need to devise more controls or think of other ways of mitigating the risk?
- If the risk is decreasing can I relax some existing controls?

- Are controls / actions built into appropriate documented action plans?
- Are there any new or emerging risks?
- Have any of the existing risks ceased to be an issue (and can therefore be archived?)

#### **19.** ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Elected Members**

- ✓ Approve the Council's Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy
- ✓ Receive and approve monitoring reports on the Strategic Risk and Opportunity Register and an annual Risk and Opportunity Management report

### **Senior Leadership Team**

- ✓ Identify, evaluate, prioritise and control risks and opportunities facing the Council in achieving its objectives
- ✓ Ensure the Council implements and manages risk effectively through the delivery of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy and consider risks affecting delivery of services
- ✓ Ensure risk and opportunity management is considered by SLT on a quarterly basis
- ✓ Provide assurance to Audit Committee regarding risk and opportunity management compliance
- ✓ Be responsible for and monitor the Strategic Risk and Opportunity Register
- ✓ Appoint to the Statutory Officers Group
- ✓ Receive and approve risk and opportunity management status reports from the Statutory Officers Group
- ✓ Approve and monitor the progress and effectiveness of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy and the Statutory Officers Group
- ✓ Support the embedding of risk and opportunity management within the culture of the Council as an integral part of strategic/business planning, decision-making and performance management framework
- ✓ Approve risk and opportunity management monitoring reports to Audit Committee

# **Lead Member for Risk and Opportunity Management**

- ✓ The portfolio holder for Finance will act as Member risk champion
- ✓ Ensure that the Council manages risk effectively through the development of a robust and comprehensive Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy

# **Statutory Officers Group**

- ✓ Support the Council and its CoP leads in the effective development, implementation and review of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy
- ✓ Share experiences across the Council and partners, promoting, facilitating and overseeing the arrangements for managing and monitoring of risk
- ✓ Provide training and guidance in Risk and Opportunity Management
- ✓ Lead and direct the work of the Group

# CoP Leads / ELT

- ✓ Identify, evaluate, prioritise and control risks and opportunities facing the Council in achieving its objectives
- ✓ Monitor, review and communicate information on operational and strategic risks within their CoP / area of control
- ✓ Ensure risk and opportunity management is embedded within departmental business / operational plans
- ✓ Review cross cutting operational issues
- ✓ Report to Statutory Officers Group every six months
- ✓ Include staff without direct responsibility for owning and managing risk in risk discussions to ensure teams identify potential risks associated with service delivery

#### **Audit Committee**

✓ Provide independent assurance to the Council on the effectiveness of the Council's risk and opportunity management, internal control and overall assurance framework

# **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

✓ Provide independent assurance to the Council on the effectiveness and appropriateness of Council actions towards mitigating / resolving / managing red risks. This may be at the request of the Audit Committee, officers or elected Members

# All Staff / Officers

- ✓ Assess and manage risks effectively in their job and report hazards / risks to their service managers
- ✓ Undertake their job within contractual, policy and statutory guidelines
- ✓ Consult with department risk champion as necessary

# **Devon Audit Partnership**

- ✓ Provide a risk based Audit Plan to monitor the effectiveness of Internal Controls and provide a trigger and action plan for management intervention
- ✓ Audit the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy and processes