

**Decision Maker:** CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 9 November 2021

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent                      Non-Executive                      Non-Key

**Title:** CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES RISK REGISTER –  
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**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 Risk Management is the identification, analysis and overall control of those risks which can impact on the Council's ability to deliver its priorities and objectives. This report enables the Members to scrutinise risks and the actions taken to control them in line with Audit Sub-Committee recommendations.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 Members are asked to note:

- The current Children, Education and Families Risk Register and the existing controls in place to mitigate the risks.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact:
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Safe Bromley Supporting Independence Healthy Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre:
  4. Total current budget for this head: £
  5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement Non-Statutory - Government Guidance None:  
Further Details
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

#### Background

- 3.1 Risk Management is the identification, analysis and overall control of those risks which can impact on the Council's ability to deliver its priorities and objectives. The Children, Education and Families Risk Register feeds into the Corporate Risk Register, via the Corporate Risk Management Group, and comprises the high level departmental risks which are underpinned by more detailed registers contained within the divisional business plans.
- 3.2 Audit Sub-Committee agreed that the Corporate and Departmental Risk Registers would be reviewed at their meetings twice a year and then subsequently scrutinised by the relevant PDS Committee. Internal processes require that the departmental risk registers be updated and agreed by the departmental Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on a quarterly basis and be reviewed by the Corporate Risk Management Group.
- 3.3 The Children, Education and Families Risk Register was last scrutinised by Children, Education and Families Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee in June 2021, with Quarter 2 updates agreed by Children's Services Leadership Team in October 2021.
- 3.4 The Children, Education and Families Risk Register is attached as Appendix 1. The risks included in the Risk Register are outlined below.

<b>Risk Ref</b>	<b>Risk Description</b>
1	Failure to deliver Children's Services Financial Strategy
2	Failure to deliver effective Children's services
3	Recruitment and Retention
4	Business Interruption / Emergency Planning
5	School Place Planning
6	Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)
7	Transport - School and Adult Social Care
8	SEND Reforms
9	Youth Offending
10	Out of Borough Placements (Children and Young People)
11	Data Collections
12	Funded childcare places for two, three and four year olds of working parents
13	Speech and Language Therapy
14	Social Care Information System
15	School Attendance

- 3.5 The updates around the control of all risks and actions taken to mitigate them are detailed in the register.
- 3.6 A summary of the levels of risk is detailed in the table below:

Level of Risk	Gross Risk		Net Risk	
	No.	%	No.	%
High	6	40%	1	6.7%
Significant	5	33.3%	4	26.7%
Medium	4	26.7%	8	53.3%
Low	0	0%	2	13.3%
<b>Total</b>	15	100%	15	100%

#### 4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

The controls already in place and the further actions outlined in the Risk Register mitigate the adverse impacts on vulnerable children.

#### 5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications arising directly from this report. Any policy implications arising from the existing controls and the further action required to mitigate against the risks are reported to the Sub-Committee separately.

#### 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Any financial implications arising from the existing controls and the further action required to mitigate against the risks are reported to the Sub-Committee separately.

#### 7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising directly from this report. Any personal implications arising from the existing controls and further action to mitigate against the risks are reported to the Sub-Committee separately.

#### 8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. Any legal implications arising from the existing controls and further action to mitigate against the risks are reported to the Sub-Committee separately.

#### 9. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no procurement implications arising directly from this report. Any procurement implications arising from the existing controls and further action to mitigate against the risks are reported to the Sub-Committee separately.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	[List non-applicable sections here]
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[Title of document and date]