

Appendix D - Commentary on Net 'High' risks

Finance Risk Register			
Risk Title & Descriptor	Risk Owner	NET score and risk rating	Commentary
<p>Financial Strategy <i>Failure to deliver a sustainable Financial Strategy which meets with Making Bromley Even Better priorities and failure of individual departments to meet budget</i></p>	<p>Director of Finance</p>	<p>20 - High</p>	<p>Local Government faces the challenge of the impact of inflation, service and cost pressures continuing to reflect demographic changes and new burdens whilst income from council tax and government funding is not expected to be able to keep pace with inflation and other cost pressures. There is an increase in reported Section 114 notices and capitalisation directions which is a sign of deteriorating financial position facing local authorities. Although these were initially caused by poor governance and financial management, more are expected as due to the ongoing funding challenges, whilst needing to maintain statutory services. This Council has a statutory duty to have a balanced budget and the funding challenge is also faced by this Council as reported to Executive and Council as part of the annual budget process.</p> <p>The next phase of the transformation programme 2024-28 will look at options to generate income but the scale of cost pressures including housing, adult and children's social care and special educational needs (and possibly higher inflation in the future) creates a deteriorating financial position in the medium to longer term.</p> <p>Bromley is 'better placed' than many authorities but the significant financial challenges remain. The awaited Government review of local government finance continues to be deferred and is not expected until at least 2026/27.</p>

			<p>On that basis, the significant financial sustainability risk is likely to remain in the medium to longer term without a fundamental review of local government finance.</p> <p>Work will continue to deliver a balanced budget but the ongoing financial sustainability challenge remains.</p> <p>Further details are provided in the draft 2024/25 budget report and update on financial strategy 2025/6 - 2027/28 to Executive on 17 January 2024.</p>
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Corporate Services Risk Register			
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IT Security Failure	Assistant Director - IT	15 – High	Security Operation Centre(SOC) has been implemented which is being fine-tuned to ensure efficient proactive monitoring of the LBB Data and Infrastructure.
Information Request non compliance	Director of Corporate Services & Governance	16 – High	Annual and increased training and awareness - experienced resources to triage and redact where necessary - improved technical measures to assist Data searches

Human Resources, Customer Services and Public Affairs Risk Register			
Risk Title & Descriptor	Risk Owner	NET score and risk rating	Commentary
<p>Insufficient fire safety arrangements <i>Non-compliance with Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, as amended by the Fire Safety Act 2021</i></p>	<p>Director of HR, Customer Services and Public Affairs & Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>15 – High</p>	<p>Due to the vast number of LBB sites, and due to the higher risk nature of work undertaken at our sites, including waste collections and supporting vulnerable persons, the risk rating will always be somewhat high.</p> <p>Given the known ongoing issues with LBB’s fire safety arrangements, as noted in the causes box for this risk on the risk register, and the severe findings noted in some of the recently completed fire risk assessments, the risk remains high. Some actions have now been progressed, such as some of the courses needing to be delivered have now been delivered, the creation of a fire safety committee and the creation of a report about the fire risks of electric powered personal vehicles.</p> <p>Actions to be taken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning and Development to arrange training – Ongoing – Accountable officer: Assistant Director of Human Resources - Facilities Management to ensure Fire Risk Assessments are completed – Ongoing – Accountable officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration - Facilities Management to engage fire safety supplier to produce Emergency Plans – As soon as possible – Accountable officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Facilities Management team to implement new signage – Ongoing – Accountable officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration- Facilities Management team to distribute emergency plan to site occupiers and to arrange training on plan for fire marshals – As soon as possible – Accountable officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration- Fire safety documents to be stored corporately to retain corporate knowledge and ensure regularly reviewed – Ongoing – Accountable officers: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration & Director of Human Resources, Customer Services & Public Affairs- Fire Safety to be added to COE agenda as a standing item – As soon as possible – Accountable officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration & Director of Human Resources, Customer Services and Public Affairs- Fire drills to be undertaken – Ongoing – Accountable officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration <p>Alternatives to current Civic Centre check in and check out arrangements to be reviewed due to issues with current arrangements – As soon as possible – Accountable officer: Director of Human Resources, Customer Services and Public Affairs & Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration</p>
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