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# Summary Risk Report

#### 1. Purpose

To update the Risk and Assurance Committee (the Committee) on changes to the risk register and to provide a presentation on Catchment Management's risk management and risks as part of the on-going reporting by each group within the Council.

#### 2. Background

Each quarter the risks at group level are considered and reported to the Chief Executive. A copy of the Catchment Management's group report is appended as **Attachment 1** and forms part of this report.

This process involves adding new risks, archiving old risks if they are no longer relevant, reviewing the controls (risk mitigation/modifying management strategies) and checking that the scoring of the risk reflects its current state.

The Group's risks are reviewed by the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the General Managers and the Chief Financial Officer, at quarterly review meetings.

## 3. Comment on Current risks

There has been a dearth of changes to the risk register recently, with only two changes having been made during the quarter ending March 2015. Catchment Management's Risk Register is appended as **Attachment 2**.

## 4. Catchment Management Risk Report

Catchment Management will present their risks to the Committee at this meeting. The presentation will cover each risk in detail and what is being done about each risk. It will also cover Catchment Management's risk management strategies and the processes they have adopted, as well as touching on how

Catchment Management's risks are incorporated into the planning process. The presentation will also discuss topical issues for Catchment Management and their activities in the risk management area in general.

The quarterly risk report for the Catchment Management group is appended as **Attachment 1.** 

A brief description of the columns and what they mean is as follows:

**Overall ranking by residual risk:** Residual risk is the risk that remains after controls have been applied and is discussed further below. A lower number means it has a higher residual risk relative to others. Thus the first listed risk is presently the 14<sup>th</sup> highest/most important risk to the organisation.

**Risk ID:** This is a unique system number to assigned to a risk

**Risk Category**(s) Lists the categories that this risk is listed under in the high level risk report discussed above.

**Description** – Brief description of the risk.

**Inherent Risk Classification** – The risk is assessed or scored and placed into a classification category (Very High, High, Medium, or Low) before any controls are in place.

**Controls:** These are processes which mitigate/modify a risk. They reduce the likelihood of occurrence of a risk or reduce the consequences when it occurs or both.

**Residual Risk Classification** – This is the risk classification category after the controls have been put in place and are working as expected.

**Risk Owner** – The person responsible for the risk. There is also a person assigned to each control which is not normally the risk owner.

**Status Change since last quarter** – This provides any update on the risk and discusses any scoring or control change, or anything topical to report about.

## 5. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

#### 5.1 Engagement

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

# 6. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. *Notes* the content of the report.

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Attachment 1: Catchment Management Group – Quarterly Risk report – March 2015 Attachment 2: Changes to risks in March 2015 quarter