

**Report of the Head of Internal Audit,  
Anti-Fraud and Assurance**

**Audit and Governance Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**STRATEGIC CONCERNS / RISK REGISTER**

**1. Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To introduce the next scheduled strategic risks for the Audit and Governance Committee meeting to consider as presented by the appropriate Executive Director / Service Director.
- 1.2 One strategic risk will be considered at this meeting:
  - Health Protection Emergency – Executive Director of Public Health & Communities

**2. Recommendation**

**2.1 The Committee is asked to note the update.**

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 The Strategic Risk Register was reviewed by the Senior Management Team (SMT) on 16<sup>th</sup> May and now contains 13 risks, it was agreed that the Community Resilience Risk should be removed from the Strategic Risk Register and added as an operational risk to the BU8 Risk Register.

SMT determined that 4 risks be classified as **high** (red response rating\*) and 9 risks be classified as **medium** (amber rating). No risks are classified as **low** (green rating) in relation to the level of response and intervention required.

\* NOTE - The response rating reflects the degree of urgency and importance of the interventions and management oversight rather than the inherent risk.

- 3.2 The actions associated with the 1 risk to be considered in the meeting are included in the attached summary in Appendix 1.

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Strategic Risk to be reviewed in the meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Risk Title	Risk Description	Impact	Status	Response Rating	SMT Owner
<b>Health Protection Emergency</b>	<p><b>Risk Description:</b> To continue working with regional and national partners to ensure a strong and robust local health protection system and leadership to implement effective outbreak management processes in place to monitor disease, prevent harm and protect the health of the population of Barnsley. Arrangements are in place and understood by all stakeholders and complied with, to deal with any health protection emergencies which may arise, and which require an emergency or business continuity response.</p> <p><b>Risk Assessment:</b> Robust arrangements are required to deal with health protection emergencies - both those already known and those that may arise in the future. Such arrangements are flexible and responsive to deal with emerging threats as well as being able to immediately respond to emergency unforeseen issues.</p> <p><b>Action 1</b> All Health Protection Plans are reviewed and tested and reflect health protection issues. RAG Rating – Green</p> <p><b>Action 2</b> In light of the current national picture and the risk of communicable disease outbreaks in our vulnerable populations (e.g. asylum seekers and refugees) our local health protection plans outline the necessary multi-agency arrangements to deal with the health protection emergency and that these are communicated and tested. RAG Rating – Amber</p> <p><b>Action 3</b> At suitable points in the planning, response and recovery process undertake proportionate debriefing and evaluation with a view to developing a "lessons learnt" from both exercises and incidents and track progress against any actions identified as part of the process. As necessary share lessons learnt with both South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Health Resilience Partnership and South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum. RAG Rating - Amber</p>	Actual	Actual	Medium	Executive Director Public Health and Communities