SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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SERVICES

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OFFICER: SERVICES

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP RISK REGISTER

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

This report presents the latest Leadership risk register and the key changes made since it was last presented in March 2014.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Cabinet is asked to note the contents of the Leadership risk register (Annex A) and endorse the control actions put in place by the Continual Improvement Board.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To enable the Cabinet to keep the Council's strategic risks under review and to ensure that appropriate action is being taken to mitigate risks in the most effective way.

DETAILS:

- 1. The Leadership risk register is owned by the Chief Executive and shows the council's key strategic risks.
- 2. The role of the Cabinet is to assure itself that the relevant risks are being recognised on the risk register and that appropriate actions are being taken to mitigate the risks.
- 3. Key changes include:
 - Central Government policy development (L15) risk description updated, was previously 'Welfare Reform' and controls updated;
 - IT risk (L4) risk description updated, was previously 'IT systems' and controls updated.

CONSULTATION:

4. The risk register is reviewed by the Strategic Risk Forum (chaired by the Director of Finance) and then by the Continual Improvement Board on a

monthly basis. The Audit and Governance Committee also review the risk register at each meeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

5. Effective management of risks and financial controls helps to monitor costs and enable value for money.

Financial and Value for Money Implications

6. There are no direct financial implications relating to the Leadership risk register.

Section 151 Officer Commentary

7. The Section 151 Officer is chair of the council's Strategic Risk Forum and is therefore well sighted of current and emerging risks. This also ensures the link with budget setting and monitoring.

<u>Legal Implications – Monitoring Officer</u>

8. There are no direct legal implications relating to the Leadership risk register.

Equalities and Diversity

9. There are no direct equalities implications but any actions taken need to be consistent with the council's policies and procedures.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10. To note that the Leadership risk register will be presented to the Cabinet again in September 2014.

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Consulted:

Strategic Risk Forum, Continual Improvement Board, Chief Executive, Audit and Governance Committee, Cabinet Member for Community Services (and lead for Continuous Improvement).

Annexes:

Annex A – Leadership risk register.

Sources/background papers: