



CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

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RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY CORPORATE RISK AND OPPORTUNITY REGISTER

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(Commercial)

Impact	RISK						LOW RISK (< 8)				
	Catastrophic	5					MEDIUM RISK (9 – 15)				
	Critical	4					HIGH RISK (16+)				
	Significant	3									
	Insignificant	2									
	Negligible	1									
Risk Rating Matrix		1	2	3	4	5					
		Zero to Very Low	Unlikely	Likely	Very Likely	Almost Certain					
		Likelihood									
Responsible Officer Key											
							SN Steve Newton				
							EG Erika Grunert				
							SZ Susan Ziolkowski				
							RD Rob Davisworth				
							DD David Dobson				
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1	<p>Failure to comply with the governance requirements of the River Tees Port Health Authority Order leading to the inability to discharge the statutory functions and duties of the Authority.</p> <p>Ineffective governance arrangements resulting in failed external audit, special measures being put in place and reputation damage.</p>	5	4	H	<p>Annual appointment of members by each riparian authority.</p> <p>Annual appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the joint board.</p> <p>Approval of annual review of the Constitution.</p> <p>Accurate minute taking and review of minutes at any meetings of the joint board.</p> <p>Declarations of interest from members documented and minutes taken. Any conflicts arising are appropriately addressed.</p> <p>Approval of Calendar of Meetings for the year (Annually in June).</p>	1	2	L		SZ SN

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2	Failure to discharge statutory functions assigned by the River Tees Port Health Authority Order in relation to public health risks, litigation, public enquiries and inquests which could lead to reputational damage.	5	4	H	<p>Statutory appointments of members and effective governance of the Authority.</p> <p>Annual Service Plan reviewed and approved by the joint board.</p> <p>Employment and retention of an adequate number of suitably trained officers.</p>	1	2	L		<p>SN</p> <p>SZ</p> <p>EG SZ</p>

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3	Failure to comply with the requirements for relevant authorities as prescribed by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2104 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 which could lead to failed external audit resulting in special measures being put in place in relation to financial mismanagement and reputational damage.	4	3	M	<p>Annual review and approval of Accounting Statements to ensure financial management is adequate and effective.</p> <p>Approval of annual Internal Audit Report following review of effectiveness.</p> <p>Adequate insurance cover in place via host and riparian authorities.</p> <p>An annual opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights is provided in accordance with regulatory requirements as the notice of appointment of dates is displayed in two Council buildings and posted on the RTPHA website for the prescribed period of time.</p>	1	1	L		RD DD SZ

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4	<p>Inadequacy and non-payment of precept which could lead to inadequate reserves, unbudgeted spends, and contingent liability.</p> <p>Salaries: accurate payment and handling.</p> <p>Supply of goods and services: receipt and correct invoicing.</p> <p>VAT: incorrect analysis, charges and claims to HMRC.</p> <p>Consequential loss: due to improper performance and general liability.</p> <p>Inadequate financial record keeping which could result in decisions taken illegally.</p> <p>Fraud: by officers of the authority or the joint board which could lead to insolvency; financial mismanagement; breach of legislation and litigation and a failed external audit resulting in special measures being put in place and reputational damage.</p>	4	4	H	<p>Precept agreed annually by joint board as part of the budget-setting process. Receipt from Councils confirmed and monthly budget monitored.</p> <p>Adequacy and liabilities considered at budget setting and reviewed in annual statement of accounts.</p> <p>Salaries, goods and services, VAT and record keeping monitored via monthly budget monitoring process. Payment subject to host Council Financial Regulations and associated processes and subject to internal audit of the Authority.</p> <p>Anti-fraud and corruption policy in place and Authority subject to internal audit.</p>	1	2	L		RD DD SZ

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5	<p>Internal Audit is effective in undertaking its role in relation to financial mismanagement.</p> <p>Breach of legislation and litigation which could result in a failed external audit resulting in special measures being put in place and damage to reputation.</p>	4	3	M	<p>Internal Audit reports are made available to the joint board.</p> <p>The Internal Audit of the Authority is subject to external audit.</p> <p>The Internal Audit is undertaken by the Tees Valley Audit and Assurance Service. Their effectiveness is assessed annually against the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2013 and is currently fully compliant.</p>	1	2	L		RD EG

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6	Failure to discharge responsibilities as a Category 1 Responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to be prepared to respond to an emergency event which could lead to a risk to public health; litigation; public enquiries, inquests and result in reputational damage.	4	4	H	<p>Included in the full statutory process as a Category 1 responder through Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit. The groups attended are known locally as the Local Resilience Forum (Chief Officer Group) and the Business and Policy Group.</p> <p>Maintain Emergency Response Activation arrangements.</p> <p>A suitable number of appropriately authorised officers available to offer an out of hours response as required.</p> <p>Participation in multi-agency Emergency Preparedness activities.</p> <p>Participation in multi-agency response and recovery activities.</p>	2	2	L		EG SZ

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7	Failure to discharge responsibilities as a Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to maintain continuity of service due to disruptive events, for example, loss of key Authority staff, failure of utilities, failure of communications and a lack of suitable premises, IT or fuel supply which could lead to a risk to public health; litigation; public enquiries; inquests and reputational damage.	4	4	H	<p>Maintain Business Continuity Plans and Arrangements.</p> <p>Undertake periodically a Business Continuity Impact Assessment and design Action Plan.</p> <p>Implement Action Plan.</p> <p>Annually review Business Continuity arrangements.</p> <p>Business Continuity has been addressed via the host Council's arrangements and is also part of River Tees Port Health Authority.</p>	2	3	L		EG SZ

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8	Failure to be operationally fit for purpose in complying with specified legislation, for example in relation to the Freedom of Information and Data Protection; Human Rights; Equalities; Employment Law; Health and Safety which could lead to a breach of legislation; litigation resulting in special measures being put in place by external regulators and reputational damage.	4	4	H	<p>Maintain compliance via all relevant policies and procedures of the host Council.</p> <p>Training of appropriate officers by host Council in their adopted policies and procedures.</p> <p>The Constitution of the Authority is linked to the host Council policies and procedures.</p> <p>Bespoke health and safety risk assessments in place which consider all the risks to officers of the Authority while carrying out their duties.</p>	2	3	L		EG SZ

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10	Failure to discharge statutory functions assigned by the River Tees Port Health Authority Order in relation to imported food, feed and food contact materials, and including any other function impacted by the UK's exit from the EU.	4	4	H	<p>Keeping up to date with current developments in relation to the UK's exit from the EU by attending meetings such as the Border Planning Group and Cleveland Local Resilience Forum Meetings, including teleconferences.</p> <p>Officers possessing necessary qualifications and competencies to enforce the designated legislation.</p> <p>Adequate staff available to the Authority.</p> <p>Performance Management arrangements on a team and individual basis.</p>	2	2	L		EG SZ