Strategic Risk Register

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No.	Risk to meeting objectives	Current Risk Matrix	Original Risk Matrix	Description	Potential Effect	Control Measures (Actions)	Risk Owner(s)	Latest Note
s002	Capital Programme Control	Impact	Impact	In the transition to the new Wiltshire Council there is a risk that due to capacity issues that capital project works may not be delivered or delivered on time.	Non delivery of projects could impact on the Council's reputation and on the community of North Wiltshire.		Stuart McGregor	Work has been undertaken to assess the best alignment of resource to deliver key priority projects within the time span towards the new council.
s003	Long Term Future of Jarvis	pood limpact	pood Door Do	Jarvis provide and run the main council building and the current contractual situation is complicated. The new level of guarantees will not be as advantageous to the Council and the provision of facilities management may not be to the same standard or at the same cost. Terms of new contract significantly worse	Financial implications. Political/Reputational implications. Adverse publicity.	Regular meetings with Facilities Manager	David Stirling	There are no major issues for 2008/09.
s004	Business Continuity & Emergency Planning	Impact	Impact	In a "live" situation, the Council's Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plans may prove to be less that 100% effective or they may not accurately reflect operational needs. This may be made worse if key members of		Final version of BCP approved by Exec on 9 March 2006. IT Disaster Recovery Plan developed and fully tested	Pete Barnett	Business critical activities have been reviewed and reprioritised by the Business Continuity Team and confirmed by CMB. The Managers responsible for business critical activities have been asked to review the details contained within their

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				staff leave the Council. An incident occurs and plans		successfully.		plans.
s010	Service Delivery by Partnership s	Impact	Impact	are not fully effective. There is a risk that: Service delivery Partnerships do not deliver outputs that are consistent with the Corporate Plan. The Council's objectives are delivered ineffectively by its partners. Partnerships are not delivering the required level of service	Key outcomes not delivered Financial implications Reputation undermined Legal implications Relationships with partners deteriorate	Service level Agreement work following Audit Commission recommendatio ns	Jo Cogswell	Partnership Evaluation Tool in place which oversees control of Partnerships
s012	IT/ Business Transformat ion Strategy	Impact	Impact	Partners fail to prioritise or deliver on key objectives The non-delivery of the IT / Business Transformation Strategy would result in the Council not maximising efficiency gains and improved customer service. However, the transition to unitary presents the risk that if the strategy is fully implemented, resources and expenditure may be committed without the gains being achieved. Fail to implement effective business transformation. (links to risk no. 11)	Service driven approach to procurement. Lack of consistency across services. Lack of effective change control. Systems not compatible. Fails to link to change and knowledge management. Duplication occurs. Greater potential for fraud	ICT strategy approved by Executive in March 2007.	Pete Barnett	Work is focussing on the key areas within Cleansing and Amenities, Council Tax and Benefits.

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s017	Concessiona ry Travel Scheme	Impact	Impact	Possibility of Additional costs of approx. £333,000 for Concessionary Travel Scheme due to appeals by Bus Operators. Would create financial risk which could affect other services.	Budget pressure on the Council	Appeals process	Stuart McGregor	All Appeals have been heard and the findings have no financial implications for NWDC. The Operators have decided to go for Judicial Review so we are still awaiting the outcome of that.
s018	Failure to provide adequate level of IT business support	Impact	Impact	Due to significant resources being diverted to the 1C4W programme and the possibility of key IT staff leaving, there is a risk that an adequate level of IT support is not provided.	IT systems in key service areas not supported. Longer waiting times for problem fixing. Poor service delivery. Loss of knowledge and expertise in key technical areas.	Prioritised resource planning based on business critical systems. Consider alternative provision of specialist skills (secondments, contractors, outsourcing)	Pete Barnett	Resource requirements for 1C4W continue to increase. Continued review of IT support requirements is taking place to ensure delivery of business as usual services.
s019	Cleansing & Amenities Business Transformat ion not being completed	Impact	Impact	There is a risk Cleansing & Amenities Business Transformation is not completed, due to its wide scope and tight deadline. This is a priority area for improvement in the corporate plan and also relates to key actions and outcomes within it, including improving street cleanliness and grot spots, and increasing the number of households that use green waste collection.	Key outcomes in the C&A priority area not achieved. Reputational impact. Public dissatisfaction. Poor position of service in comparison with other Wiltshire Authorities.	Business Transformation and Improvement Plans closely project managed. New structure to deliver improvements.	Stuart McGregor	The transformation of Cleansing and Amenities is progressing well.
s020	Failure to accommoda te new statutory changes	Impact	Impact	Due to significant strategic resources being diverted to the 1C4W programme and the possibility of key staff leaving, there is an increased risk that important statutory changes and emerging legislation may not be adhered to or breached.	Reputational risk. Legal implications. Possible fines or claw backs.	CMB / management team liaison. Close working relationships with Government Offices.	Delwyn Burbidge	This has been controlled in the first quarter of 2008/09.

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s021a	Change to Unitary Authority – Failure to deliver Business as Usual.	Impact	Dood Impact	Preparations for the change to unitary may divert resources and have a significant negative impact on the delivery of Council services.	Key improvements and agreed levels of service not provided to customers. Public dissatisfaction. Reputational impact.	Prioritised business planning. Transition Team monitoring and review	Delwyn Burbidge	This has been controlled in the first quarter of 2008/09.
s021b	Change to Unitary Authority – Failure to transform services to new authority	Impact	Impact	Conflicting demands or lack of involvement in the 1C4W programme may mean that the Council does not play a full role in shaping the services of the new unitary authority or align its services for the future.	Wasted resources. Poor working relationships with Wiltshire colleagues. Poor standing within new authority that is detrimental to staff prospects.	Full participation in 1C4W programme. Coordination of work stream leads and Service Managers via Transition Team.	Delwyn Burbidge	This has been controlled in the first quarter of 2008/09.
s021c	Change to Unitary Authority - Failure to retain key staff	Impact	Impact	Uncertainty about, or lack of, suitable opportunities in the new unitary authority may mean that key personnel leave the authority. Key staff may also leave on secondment.	Key improvements and agreed levels of service not provided to customers. Key strategic and operational functions within the Council not provided.	Recruitment and Retention Policy	Delwyn Burbidge	This has been controlled in the first quarter of 2008/09. However, as the new organisation forms, the risk will increase.
s022	Accidental or malicious loss of data/inform ation	Impact	Impact	Possibility of politically sensitive, confidential or personal information being lost in the public domain.	Reputational and political impact. Public dissatisfaction.	Information and Data Security Policy	Pete Barnett	An Internal Audit review has been carried out by the Council's computer auditors Deloitte and Touche. The report and action plan is due to be returned to the Council in August. Consideration will be given to any actions that can be implemented prior to vesting day or whether they should be passed to the new authority for action.

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s023	Failure to reach collective agreement with the trade union	Impact	Impact	Failure to reach collective agreement with the trade union, due to the need for all agreements to ratified at a national level. This risk will grow as we move towards vesting day.	Impact on ability to launch pay & grading results on time. Appeals process is a time consuming and resource intensive exercise and affects the morale of staff.	Discussions with trade union will be continuous. Work is being carried out nationally and regionally to assist the delivery of collective agreements.	Elaine Orchard	Work continues to reach an agreement and contact is maintained with regional Unison.