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To: Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee – 18th January 2019

Subject: Corporate Risk update – arrangements for update and review in relation to Brexit

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: None

Electoral Division: All

Summary: This paper outlines how the risk register will be reviewed, updated and reported as the Brexit situation evolves in the coming weeks.

Recommendation(s):

The Cabinet Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Corporate Risk Register is reported regularly to elected Members throughout the year to Cabinet, Cabinet Committees, Governance and Audit Committee and County Council, as set out in the Council's Risk Management Policy. The register is a 'living' document, updated throughout the year as and when changes occur.
- 1.2 The Corporate Risk Register was reported to Cabinet on 3rd December 2018. Due to the strategic, often medium-term nature of the risks, there have not been major changes over the past six weeks.

2. Arrangements for review and reporting of risk CRR0042

- 2.1 As mentioned in section 1, the corporate risk register is updated throughout the year as and when changes occur and is reported regularly. Risks are reviewed on a quarterly basis as a minimum throughout the year, with KCC's Risk Management Policy making clear that the frequency will be dependent on the circumstances and environment around the risks.
- 2.2 One risk that has close proximity and is rapidly evolving is CRR0042 – post-Brexit border systems, infrastructure and regulatory arrangements. The detailed paper presented to County Council on 13th December updated Members on the work the

County Council is undertaking to prepare in the event of a no-deal Brexit, including through the Kent Resilience Forum and with service-level business continuity planning. It documented further actions to be taken and requirements of Government to address the unique risks to Kent and to ensure that, as far as possible, Kent communities are kept moving and Kent remains open for business. There have also been papers presented to the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee on 28th November 2018 and the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee on 10th January 2019.

2.3 KCC services have been conducting intensive work to review service business continuity plans, steered by the cross-directorate resilience group, with progress being overseen by the Resilience and Emergency Planning Service and Corporate Management Team.

2.4 The table below contains some key events between now and the end of March that may potentially impact on KCC's risk profile.

Key Event (Local / National / International)	Date	Who any changes to risk register would be reported to.
House of Commons debate on the 'Meaningful' vote on the Withdrawal Agreement	Five-day debate, starting on Wednesday, 9 January 2019	Corporate Management Team, Cabinet Members, relevant Cabinet Committee(s)
House of Commons 'Meaningful' vote on the Withdrawal Agreement	Tuesday, 15 January 2019	
Government must make no-deal statement if no political agreement has been reached considering the process of exiting the European Union under Article 50 within 3 days of a defeat.	18 January 2019	
Default expiry date of Article 50	29 March 2019	
Local Government Finance settlement	We expect the final 2019/20 settlement to be laid before the House of Commons, for its approval, in late January or early February 2019	
Key EU Council meeting	21-22 March 2019	
Kent Resilience Forum	e.g. Thursday, 10	

activity including testing and training	January: Exercise Lundy table-top test of the Operation Fennel plans.	
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2.5 These dates are based on working assumptions only due to the continued uncertainty and fluid situation.

2.6 The Corporate Risk Manager will remain in close contact with relevant risk and control owners during the coming weeks in order to ensure that any changes to the risk profile are captured and the risk(s) updated.

3. Recommendation

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