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Portfolio	Risk	Risk rating	Actions to mitigate risk Residual ri
Leader and Corporate Affairs  Delivering a prosperous  New Forest and putting our  communities first	There is a long term negative impact on the local community and economy resulting from COVID-19.		During the pandemic the Council has worked with partners to support the local community. The operation of the Local Resource Hub, together with the voluntary sector and local community groups has supported many of the most vulnerable in the community. The use of COVID ambassadors to help keep residents & visitors safe together with the use of Applemore Health & Leisure Centre as a vaccination site are examples of the additional actions that the Council has taken to support the community and negate the impact of the pandemic. The work of the Council's Revenue & Benefits Service working collaboratively with the Economic Development Team has enabled over £60M to be paid out to local business in order to protect the local economy. The support for the successful Solent Freeport provides an opportunity for future jobs.
Planning and Infrastructure Encouraging development that meets local needs and enhances the special qualities of the environment	Competitors in the private sector take more of the Building Control market share		Install new Information Technology systems to enable enhanced mobile working and give officers on-site access to all Building Control. Forge links with local builders and architects and form working relationships by offering expertise and advice to enable building regulation standards are met. Continue to provide unrivalled service and charge only for the service provided to ensure value for money for the customer.
	Changes to Government Guidance, Regulations and Legislation		None - unavoidable.
Housing Services Creating balanced communities and housing options that are affordable and sustainable	Increase in homelessness		Prevention focussed service, Landlord Liaison Role and Forum, Partnerships, Housing Support Team.
	Loss of annual Government Homeless, Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) and Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) funding		Reduction in Bed and Breakfast costs, proposed restructures, reduction in Private Rented Sector (PRS) funding, lobbying to Government.
	Loss of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) income through increase in rent arrears and void rent loss		New Arrears Management software procured, new arrears recovery initiatives. Void     Project Team, external contractors procured to carry out works.
	Compliance with property safety inspections (Gas, Electric, Legionella etc.)		Inspection routines planned, monitored and audited. 10 month cycles for annual inspections to build in additional time. Access escalation process.
	Changes in the Housing Market, valuations and legislation affecting housing development programmes		Maintain close liaison links with affordable housing providers and Homes England.     Flexible approach to rent designation of properties and Shared Ownership/rent designation.
Community Affairs Keeping our communities safe and listening to their needs	Lack of investment in technology and/or the wrong technology results in an inability to move towards digital service delivery		Website delivery included in Information and Communication Technology work programme.
	Inability for the council to deliver on its key priorities as set out within its Safer New Forest strategic plan		<ul> <li>Combined resources of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).</li> <li>Partners sharing responsibility and collaborative working enabled ongoing delivery and actions on key priorities.</li> </ul>
	Lack of understanding of community needs and the ability to provide support for the needs, including with the impact of COVID-19		Community Strategy under development.     Community COVID-19.     Recovery Task and Finish Group recommendations.     Community Grant.

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Finance, Investment and Corporate Services	Lack of suitable commercial property investment opportunities in the district		Good links with local agents, responsiveness to opportunities that arise.	
Enabling service provision and ensuring value for money for the council tax payer	Lack of suitable residential property opportunities		Good links with local agents, responsiveness to opportunities, stronger residenti property market than expected during the period of restrictions.	al
	Delays in the delivery of new depot facilities		Contingent on operational needs being clarified as part of the proposed waste st	rategy.
	Financial uncertainty arising from ongoing COVID-19 crisis and one year only financial settlement		Robust financial monitoring and reporting arrangements, prudent financial plann government grants/support.	ng,
Leisure and Wellbeing Improving the health and wellbeing of our community	Constant threat of potential closures of Leisure Centres due to local COVID-19 restrictions		Communications with users. Maintaining membership loyalty by freezing paymen	ts.
Environment and Regulatory Services  Working to tackle climate change and enhancing our special environment	Coronavirus pandemic - reallocation of resources to high priority areas results in regulatory activity not being undertaken i.e. food hygiene inspections		Recruiting to vacant posts in all critical areas of the service, increasing the hours part time officers where agreed, report to Executive Management Team for addit funding to temporarily increase resources within the Service.	
	Insufficient resources to provide frontline services to the same staffing levels		Completion of business cases and recruiting to vacant posts.	
	Insufficient resources and key skills within coastal team to respond to the impacts of storm damage on coastal defences		Consider partnership working.	
	Fluctuations in market values of Mixed Recycling and Dry Mixed Recycling		Monitoring of tonnages and market values, to ensure that income forecasts are a accurate as possible. Regular revision of forecasts throughout year.	S
Economic Development Helping local businesses to grow and prosper	COVID-19 impact on the local economy		Close liaison and working with the business partnership.	