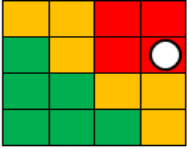
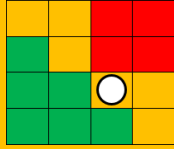


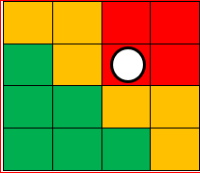
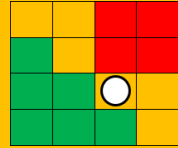
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## 1. Supporting Communities

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| <p>Likelihood 3<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>High 12</p>  | <p>Communities are likely to be negatively impacted due to the current rate of inflation and specifically the significant increase in fuel, food and utilities. This will create additional pressures on local businesses and job security.</p> <p>Communities are impacted through a shortage of housing including affordable housing Supply being delivered within the District. Lack of 5 years housing land supply/ will fail Housing Delivery Test in Nov 2022</p> <p>The Council needs to do more to support communities with enhanced digital channels for transacting and communicating with the Council.</p> <p>There will also be some challenges around the delivery of the Freeport</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Community focussed initiatives and funding streams</li> <li>B. Targeted support to voluntary and community sectors</li> <li>C. Engagement in key fundamental activities and discussions, eg; Solent Freeport, County Deals</li> <li>D. Close working partnership with the Community Safety Partnership</li> <li>E. Active engagement with skills advisory group</li> <li>F. Review and application of the Council's Local Plan, including active monitoring of the implementation</li> <li>G. Roll out of Digital Strategy                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Customer First, Digital by design'</li> </ul> </li> <li>H. Corporate Plan 2020-2024</li> <li>I. Collaborative working with key partners as part of the Cost of Living Steering Group to implement a Poverty Action Plan</li> <li>J. Implementing a referral system to partners to support vulnerable residents</li> <li>K. Regular engagement with the voluntary sector</li> <li>L. Proactively working with developers/providing enabling infrastructure/ review of Local Plan</li> <li>M. Collaborative working through the Solent Freeport Consortium Limited, and presence on the board, and it's various sub-committees.</li> </ul> | <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>Medium 6</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Allocate resource to support Corporate Plan priorities</li> <li>B. Continue to work in partnership with other public sector partners to explore new and existing opportunities to deliver to residents and businesses</li> <li>C. Resident Survey to be completed to further understand the needs and requirements of our residents</li> <li>D. Full participation and regular updates on the Cost of Living Steering Group</li> </ul> |

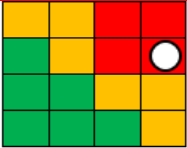
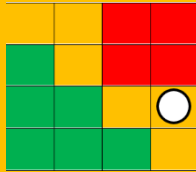
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## 2. Achieving future financial resilience

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| <p>Likelihood 3<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>High 9</p>  | <p>Many external economic factors, including the longer-term impact of COVID-19 recovery and the current rate of inflation (cost of living) have an impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan; both in terms of expenditure pressures and the ability to generate new and existing income.</p> <p>Other factors, more specific to the Council include pay award, levelling up, the fair funding review, the impact of a business rate reset and increased salary costs resulting from a need to align pay with the wider market.</p> <p>The Council may also need to do more to support communities due to the potential for closure of local businesses and job losses as a result of the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>Parish and town councils may also find themselves in financial difficulties and may look to the District Council for support.</p> | <p>A. Regular review of the Council's MTFP including reserve levels and future changes to funding</p> <p>B. Annual budget setting for revenue and capital including funding</p> <p>C. Utilisation of external financial support that provides support for funding modelling</p> <p>D. Regular budget monitoring reports and updates to senior officers and Members</p> <p>E. Effective delivery of the transformation plan that includes actions that will support the closing of future budget gaps</p> <p>F. Development of savings plans and invest to save initiatives</p> <p>G. Treasury Management Strategy to ensure the Council is acting within the prudential indicators</p> <p>H. Maintain appropriate level of financial reserves as contingency arrangements to provide resilience over the medium term</p> <p>I. Development of capital plans in accordance with Capital Strategy with full financial appraisal and revenue implications</p> <p>J. Working with Towns and Parishes to maximise opportunities for joint working</p> | <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>Medium 6</p>  | <p>A. Continue to keep abreast of developments in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pay award</li> <li>- Fair Funding</li> <li>- National Business Rate Policy</li> <li>- Levelling Up</li> <li>- County Deals</li> </ul> <p>B. Maintain momentum and presence within the delivery of the Solent Freeport</p> <p>C. Develop the actions to address the Medium Term Financial Plan Deficit, and see through to delivery</p> |

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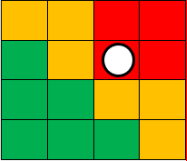
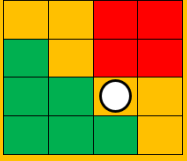
## 3. Ensuring efficient and effective internal control, governance and compliance

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| <p>Likelihood 3<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>High 12</p>  | <p>As a local authority we need to show appropriate compliance and controls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial Management Code</li> <li>- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard Accreditation</li> <li>- Production and publication of various statutory documents</li> <li>- Effectiveness of the Capital Change and Delivery Board</li> <li>- Effectiveness of the new Project Management Framework</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Annual internal audit plan developed by senior officers and members is targeted at key risks areas and responsive to new areas of risk</li> <li>B. External/internal audit regime</li> <li>C. Annual Assurance Statements compiled testing compliance with key business activities, supporting Annual Governance Statement compilation</li> <li>D. Range of performance indicators that monitor internal controls</li> <li>E. Maintenance of a range of policies that underpin the control framework – Financial Regulations, Counter Fraud Strategy, Risk Management Framework, Contract Procedure Rules coupled with staff training</li> <li>F. Regular reporting at Audit Committee</li> <li>G. Compliance with Transparency Code</li> <li>H. Compliance with Local Code of Corporate Governance</li> <li>I. Key compliance roles identified and assigned ie Section 151 Officer, Monitoring Officer, Data Protection Officer, H&amp;S etc</li> <li>J. Compliance with information governance including General Data Protection Rule</li> <li>K. Review and update of Business Continuity Plans</li> <li>L. Housing Compliance reported regularly through EMT</li> <li>M. Information Governance Team in place with regular reporting through EMT.</li> <li>N. Financial Regulations and workflows built into core financial system</li> </ul> | <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>Medium 8</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Continue through information governance work programme, including updated document retention and destruction polices for all services</li> <li>B. Management to undertake actions from the internal audit reports</li> <li>C. To assess the effectiveness of the Capital Change and Delivery Board</li> <li>D. To assess the effectiveness of the new Project Management framework for projects to ensure appropriate Governance arrangements are in place for all projects.</li> <li>E. Financial Management Code – to review how the Council complies with the new code</li> </ul> |

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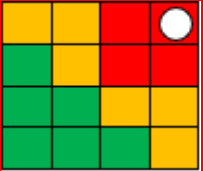
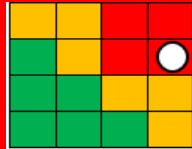


## 4. Creating the right culture, capacity and capability

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| <p>Likelihood 3<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>High 9</p>  | <p>The Council needs to attract, recruit and retain the high calibre of employee that it requires to fulfil its expectations in Service delivery.</p> <p>The current Leadership review and subsequent service reviews could create some unrest amongst the current Leadership team and other staff. There is also a risk around the time required to achieve organisational/cultural change.</p> <p>The emergence of Covid-19 has identified that the Council can effectively respond to a change in circumstances to ensure continuous operations. This rigor now needs to be applied to ensure this momentum continues and that positive experiences and benefits achieved as a result of recent changes are not lost, and that negative experience and challenges encountered in service delivery are addressed and improved upon.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Employee Forum to encourage collaboration and engender a culture that enables change and innovation</li> <li>B. Learning and development programme providing training, tools and techniques to develop the necessary skills</li> <li>C. Regular 1-1's and annual PDI process</li> <li>D. Investigation and identification of further collaborations that will support building capacity and capability (and resilience) including both public and corporate business</li> <li>E. Staff Suggestion scheme</li> <li>F. Allowance within the council's budget for a pay spine review, to take account of the National Living Wage (NLW) forecast to April 2024</li> <li>G. Transformation framework in progress</li> <li>H. Communications plan (internal) allowing for regular staff engagement/progress updates</li> <li>I. Staff/union engagement</li> <li>J. Project management/capability</li> <li>K. Performance management and key performance indicators in place</li> <li>L. Staff/officer wellbeing and support</li> <li>M. Development of Workforce Strategy and enabling an agile workforce</li> <li>N. Corporate plan 2020-2024</li> <li>O. Hybrid working increasing potential pool of staff</li> <li>P. More support and training on virtual working/managing staff</li> <li>Q. Further ICT training to ensure maximum return on investment</li> </ul> | <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>Medium 6</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Embedding of new Council Leadership structure</li> <li>B. Conduct and then progress learnings from employee survey</li> <li>C. Undertake leading and developing programmes including fostering leadership skills</li> <li>D. Keep abreast of developments in pay award negotiations, and be ready to respond accordingly.</li> <li>E. See through the emerging transformation framework into an approved direction of travel through the democratic process</li> <li>F. Develop and implement associated transformational strategies as necessary</li> <li>G. Continue to identify further opportunities that should be progressed in connection with improving service delivery</li> <li>H. Allocate resource to support Corporate Plan ambitions</li> <li>I. Continue to work in partnership with other public sector partners to explore new and existing opportunities to deliver to residents and businesses</li> </ul> |

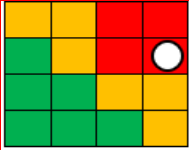
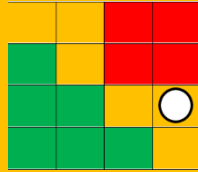
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## 5. Ensuring robust security measures to protect the Council's data and assets from external threats

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| <p>Likelihood 4<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>High 16</p>  | <p>This risk relates to the Council's ability to defend itself against the constantly evolving threat from cyber based attack. The Council, in common with other public bodies, should be regarded as a high-profile target given the impact and publicity a successful attack can have.</p> <p>The current insurance market for public sector cyber risks is volatile.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Up to date Disaster Recovery plan is in place</li> <li>B. Awareness training of officers and staff on the threats of cyber attacks</li> <li>C. Continued reviewing and tightening of existing IT Security Policy to ensure measures adapt to the changing threat, including awareness, familiarisation and training.</li> <li>D. Acceptable use of IT policy to ensure staff are using equipment safely and appropriately.</li> <li>E. Relationships with other agencies to ensure best practice is established</li> </ul> | <p>Likelihood 4<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>High 12</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Continued development of O365 services to improve email and anti-virus protections</li> <li>B. Carry out penetration test</li> <li>C. Ongoing refresher training on cyber risks for all staff</li> <li>D. To look at service provisions externally that can assist with cyber risks.</li> </ul> |

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## 6. Ability to be agile and shift focus in response to policy and national political change

| Inherent Risk Score   | Current circumstance   | Risk Control   | Residual Risk Score   | Action Required   |
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| <p>Likelihood 3<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>High 12</p>  | <p>The significance of the current cost of living crisis and inflation, coupled with the need to repay the COVID bill may impact on government priorities and planning.</p> <p>Changes in national politics and general elections will have impact.</p> <p>Other legislation that will affect the council include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Levelling up white paper</li> <li>- The environment bill</li> <li>- Future planning reform</li> <li>- Changes the regulatory landscape to housing.</li> </ul> <p>Managing the impact of climate change – impact on the coastline/managing the impact on the Council and communities resulting from increase in number of severe weather events/impact of increased temperature</p> | <p>A. Continuous monitoring of political landscape to allow for early indicators of policy change</p> <p>B. Prudent financial and strategy assumptions to allow for agile responses</p> <p>C. Corporate Plan 2020-2023 reviewed and updated where appropriate as changes identified that could impact on the Council and its plans i.e. Covid-19</p> <p>D. Section 151 Officer role providing advice to the Council on current/ future financial challenges</p> <p>E. Reports to committee include explicit assessment of implications and therefore should identify/reflect current and future challenges</p> <p>F. Executive to undertake horizon scanning look out/forwards and identify possible challenges ahead</p> <p>G. Membership of Local Government Association etc providing information/insights to the Council</p> <p>H. Members’ roles and responsibilities including involvement in local networks, County Council, other agencies and national forums, enabling insight to be gained and shared with the Council</p> <p>I. Staff membership of professional bodies enabling own development and also providing for insights through membership of challenges that may present themselves to the Council</p> <p>J. Officer/member forums and networks</p> <p>K. Review of Coastal Strategy and Actions. Climate Change Action Plan</p> | <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>Medium 8</p>  | <p>A. Making sure the workforce is aware that training is available.</p> <p>B. Ensuring professional training availability as this impacts departments e.g., Planning and Legal</p> |

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## 7. Delivering Council Services through adverse conditions

| Inherent Risk Score                               | Current circumstance   | Risk Control  | Residual Risk Score                               | Action Required   |
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| <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 4 =<br/>Medium 8</p> | <p>The following may affect the delivery of Council Services from a national and local perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natural disasters / local power outages</li> <li>- Workforce Strike Action</li> <li>- Global Pandemic</li> <li>- Terrorism</li> <li>- Riot/Rebellion</li> <li>- Flooding</li> <li>- Major pollutions of surface waters and groundwaters</li> <li>- Adverse Weather</li> <li>- Fire</li> <li>- Nuclear Powered Vessels</li> <li>- Coastal Erosion</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Business Continuity framework and individual service continuity plans</li> <li>B. Threat response plans</li> <li>C. Emergency Planning Strategy and defined roles assigned</li> <li>D. Hybrid Working</li> <li>E. Communication with NFDC residents on all platforms e.g. social media</li> </ul> | <p>Likelihood 2<br/>x Impact 3 =<br/>Medium 6</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Annual programme of Emergency Planning training to be established</li> <li>B. Review and challenge of functional Service Continuity Plan</li> <li>C. Review Hybrid Working</li> <li>D. Conclude Business Continuity Planning</li> <li>E. Establish a dedicated role for focussing on emergency planning and business continuity to increase capacity for service to manage this risk</li> <li>F. Training and exercising to establish a strategic and tactical response including an agreed rota</li> </ul> |