Corporate Risk Register – Audit Committee January 2011

Appendix A

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ELT	Government Spending Cuts and impact on LCC resources	4	3	Financial scenario taken into account as part of financial planning process All budget options risk and service impact assessed on an ongoing basis Regular reports to ELT and cabinet on budget options, ensuring frontline services are protected	3	2	On-going 'horizon scanning' of likely financial scenarios Continued robust financial and performance monitoring at ELT and Cabinet	ELT	Quarterly
ELT / RES	Strategic Partnership with British Telecommunications plc - Unprecedented partnership working with a private sector organisation.	3	3	Joint governance arrangements in place prior to commencement Staff at a senior level from both LCC and BT have been involved to date and will continue to be involved to establish, develop and provide continuity around relationships LCC Cabinet Committee on the Strategic Partnership established	2	1	Joint Venture Company Board meetings to be held quarterly Annual Review process to be followed, as contractually agreed	Eddie Sutton, Director of Special Projects	Quarterly
ELT	Effective delivery of the corporate strategy - failure to measure stated outcomes - no ownership of the corporate strategy - no plans in place to highlight and address poor performance	3	3	A council-wide executive performance group chaired by a member of ELT has been established to oversee the delivery of the corporate strategy A basket of indicators has been established to measure the delivery of the corporate strategy (and Corporate Scorecard) A performance management framework which identifies under performance and leads to recovery plans being developed and discussed by ELT and the Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI)	2	2		ELT	Quarterly

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OCE	Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) - Need to establish a single economic voice for Lancashire - Need to engage key business leaders in shaping and delivering agreed economic priorities	Impact 3	<u>likelihood</u>	Economic Development Framework agreed Shadow business leadership group in place Majority of local authorities in support of Lancashire LEP Draft LEP governance arrangements in development	Impact 2	<u>Likelihood</u>	Continue to engage positively with private sector business leaders Continue to make the case to Government for formal LEP approval	Martin Kelly, Director of Economic Development	Ongoing
ELT / CCG	The Authority to effectively manage the consequences of an emergency, thereby impacting on the delivery of services.	5	3	The Authority has established a governance mechanism through the Corporate Contingencies Group (CCG) to oversee the strategic issues relating to Business Continuity Planning (BCP). There is a planned roll-out of BCP throughout the Authority in order to build resilience within services. A reporting system has been established through the Directorate structures to enable the Authority to capture the impacts from Emergencies on Service delivery and to take the appropriate actions to mitigate the effects on service users (i.e. public). Directorate Emergency Liaison Team established within ACS and currently being developed for CYP & ENV.	3	3	Complete the roll-out of Business Continuity Planning to all services within the Authority and complete the establishment of Directorate Emergency Liaison Team to increase the ability of Directorates to respond to, and manage, emergencies which affect service delivery.	CCG / ELT	April 2011
OCE / PU	Review of Locality Working Uncoordinated integrated working initiatives with District Councils Not capitalising on	3	3	Strategy Group established by Executive Director of Policy including Senior Directorate and District Council representatives On-going liaison with Leadership and facilitation of Leader – Leader discussions	2	2	Need to successfully conclude current round of joint member meetings to agree joint working priorities in each district – by February 2011 Arrange initial meetings of the pilot "Three Tier Forums" in Burnley,	Deborah Ashton Executive Director of Policy	Quarterly

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opportunities to work across tiers of local government in Lancashire to achieve efficiencies and/or improved service outcomes			On-going negotiations with District Councils, including joint discussions at Leader/Executive Member level			South Ribble and Wyre by February 2011 Roll out of Three Tier Forums by April 2011		
Financial, legal or reputational implications not fully considered or addressed			Legal and Financial advice to the Strategy Group					
Frontline county councillors feel disengaged when carrying out their role			Package of measures developed to enhance the role of County Councillors, in liaison with the Member development Working Group					
Lack of clarity around direction of travel with locality working			Report approved at Cabinet 4/11/10 on key elements of way forward, including governance and engagement of all tiers of local government					
			Package of internal and external communications measures implemented November 2010					
Voluntary Community Faith Sector (VCFS) Sustainability of Third Sector Lancashire (VCFS)	3	2	A named LCC officer directly supports and advises the Chair of the Third Sector Lancashire (TSL)	2	1	Principal Policy Officer CPT continues close relationship with Chair TSL.	Adrienne Banks	Ongoing
consortium): no structure through which to facilitate strategic engagement of the sector			By ensuring that all directorates are fully aware of compact and understand the implications of a breach of the agreement			Information sharing event to be held in October 2010. Event held November 2010. Now awaiting publication of revised national compact prior to further internal		
Breach of compact principles leading to a challenge for breach resulting in bad reputation and time and resources responding to			By setting up internal network of commissioning/procurement teams to ensure understanding and application of third sector principles etc By ensuring that the financial database			review and communication. Information sharing event to be held in October 2010. Core network of relevant officers identified via attendance at information sharing		
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				financial investment to any VCFS			commissioning across authority		
	Increased involvement of			organisation and developing new			now agreeing a general approach		
	the sector in public			processes for joint commissioning			to commissioning prior to		
	service delivery: the risk			across directorates			developing a VCFS		
	is not yet clear and is						commissioning framework		
	dependent on the extent			By reviewing our investment in					
	to which coalition expect			capacity building to include capability			Process for tagging VCFS		
	to see evidence of more			building as well.			organisations is in progress, but		
	third sector						there is still work to do in the		
	commissioning			By ensuring that core grants are not			accounts payable area. This work is		
				awarded to organisations who are			continuing and will be considered		
	Uncoordinated approach			already delivering services on our			as part of the review of		
	to funding leading to the			behalf or are likely to submit a			commissioning as described above		
	possibility of double			competitive tender					
	funding and missed						Undertake a full review of		
	opportunity for joint						investment in capacity building and		
	commissioning and						develop proposals for how		
	efficiency savings						capability can be developed. This		
							review is continuing and has led to		
	Increased involvement of						changes to the central gateway		
	the VCFS in public						programme in relation to funding		
	service delivery – risk =						infrastructure groups. Capacity		
	lack of capacity/capability						building will be an integral element		
	within the sector to						of the VCFS commissioning		
	respond						framework.		
	Competition aid i.e. giving						Undertake a critical analysis of		
	core grants to						current core funding grants and		
	organisations who are						then consult across the authority on		
	tendering for services –						the implications of withdrawing this		
	risk = possible legal						kind of support. This analysis has		
	challenge fro other VCFS						been carried out and the outcome is		
	or private sector						reflected in a new approach to core		
	organisation on the						funding VCF organisations via the		
	grounds of unfair						Central Gateway grants		
	advantage in competitive						programme.		
	market								
ACS	Failure of the working	4	4	Working more closely with partner	2	3	Commissioning to prioritise areas	Tony	Sept 11
	partnership between			organisations in light of changes in		-	where health funding is crucial to	Pounder	
	Adult Community			government policy, introducing			delivery of our priorities, secure		
	Services and health:			stronger Partnership agreements and			senior management support within		
	strategic and operational			looking at joint Project Governance			health for the priority areas and		

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	failures and negative publicity	Impact	Likelihood	arrangements. Collaborating on service delivery with, for example, joint funded posts and integrated delivery teams and the introduction of Public Health within the authority Collaborating on projects with shared project plans and objectives. Prioritising strategic work with new working arrangements in health to	Impact	Likelihood	develop contingency plans in the event of failure. Consider the publication of new government white papers and the implications for ACS and Health and establish change programmes to ensure delivery		
ACS	Market failure of Adult and Older People provider services – market withdrawals and take-overs leading to reduced capacity for choice.	4	3	 maintain ongoing relationships Developing robust commissioning and procurement planning systems and strategies which ensure the current and future market is understood and themes are identified for development. Working with providers in identifying their service offer and costs, changes in requirements and areas which might lead to business failure. Development of a preferred supplier list and provider engagement strategy Framework agreements set up with providers providing a broad market across small, medium and large providers which mitigates some of the risks if a provider ceases business 	4	2	Using and evaluating an information framework to improve intelligence on market changes, budgetary issues and use of monitoring information. The development and monitoring of more flexible contracting arrangements which assist the use of individual budgets and cut out unnecessary costs from the system	Ann Mylie	May 11
ACS	Recession combined with increased call on budgets on Older People and changing demographic profile (ageing population) leading to increased requirements for services.	4	5	Medium Term Financial planning in place. Robust forecasting tools. Robust and regular Budget monitoring. Well developed financial reporting systems. Careful monitoring of work programmes. Redirection of resources where necessary.	3	5	This risk is now an issue as we await the understanding of what the Government's cuts in budgets means for the Directorate Regular reporting and monitoring by ACS Combined Finance Team and up to Senior Management Team (SMT).	Roger Hulme	March 11

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							Contingency planning with Heads of Service and agreement with SMT. Discussions with ELT and Cabinet member on proposals. Consultations with the public commencing on service cut proposals.		
ACS	Unexpected death or serious injury of service user with Adult Community Services	5	3	Safeguarding Board and Governance in place, Safeguarding Project established, with an Action Plan. Safeguarding Procedures have been refreshed. Procedures in place should something happen, including Communications unit available to deal with any public information / communication issues. In House-Providers: comprehensive set of Risk Assessments and Health and Safety Procedures in place. Staff training programme in place to raise practice standards in safeguarding and familiarise with procedures Deprivation of liberty (DoL) work, like restraint etc training courses, procedures well established Arrangements to review serious cases, including domestic homicide reviews safeguarding on a multi agency basis, so that we can all learn when things go well	5	2	Continue roll out of Safeguarding and Awareness Training. Complete the Safeguarding Project Action to further improve Safeguarding arrangements and responses. Approval of Item: Principals of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and Dols need to be embedded for people living in their own homes or Supported tenancies. Sufficient capacity and financial funding from the MCA Grant needs to be made available to operations.	Olive Carroll (Mike Banks)	March 11
ACS	Death or serious injury of staff member working within Adult Community Services	5	3	For work with service users: Lone Worker Policy, Risk Assessments and Health and Safety Procedures in place. Robust on call arrangements, use of mobile phones and safety	5	2	Review of framework for all SU related risk assessments to be undertaken as part of Personal Social Care (PSC) work programme: an interim review has	Olive Carroll (Barbara Lewis)	March 11

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				alarms. Use of virtual whiteboard to track staff whereabouts and monitor returns. Handover arrangements to brief staff of potential problems.			been done, but once Self Directed Services (SDS) and the PSC restructure is complete, they will be reviewed and updated again.		
				PSC Quality Framework project has embedded changes and improvements into PSC working practices. This project completes Jan 2011.			All PSC team lone-worker policies to be reviewed in the context of Agile Working. PSC Quality Framework		
				Risk Assessment flag in Integrated Social Services Information System For worker self harm: Use of Occupational Health Unit (OHU)			recommendations need to be fully embedded. This project completes Jan 2011.		
				assessment where medical conditions exist, return to work procedures for staff who have medical problems.					
LCCG	Public sector spending cuts leading to threats to workload within the county commercial group services	3	5	Being flexible to reduce fixed costs. Good capacity mgt. Review of Options.	3	4	Awareness, cost reduction and efficiency measures. Development of Options.	Nigel Finnamore	Ongoing
LCCG	Sustainability post Equal Pay Review within Commercial Services - increased costs - disaffected employees - impact on costs and competitiveness	3	4	As above Working with Equal Pay Review team so implications of proposals clear Sustainability and affordability for directorates will be considered	3	3	Identify measures to be taken to mitigate costs.	Nigel Finnamore / Bernard Noblett	Ongoing
LCCG	Serious Health and Safety Service Failure (including food hygiene) potentially involving:	5	4	Existing Integrated Management System with areas of the organisation 3rd part registered to OHSAS 18001. Other part of the organisation	5	3	Review of Integrated Management Systems to simplify, integrate and to reduce bureaucracy and increase accessibility via the intranet*. Action By MDS (Dec 2012)	Nigel Finnamore	Quarterly
	- employee - someone in our care - member of public			operating management systems in accordance with OHSAS 18001. Audits by IMS team			Revision of Catering procedures to determine suitability. Action By Janette Mason / IMS (Jan 2011)	Catering SMT	Quarterly
	Costs associated with accidents (fines,			Competency based training in					

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	litigation, insurance costs), business disruption, LCCG's reputation. Resulting in reduced profitability			Operations. Health and Safety Performance reported at all Senior Management Teams.			Improved Health and Safety Performance data management through development of Incident reporting software. Action By MDS / BIS (Apr 2011)	Nigel Finnamore	Quarterly
	e.g. impact of Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act – Larger fines, publicity orders and impact on future business.			Greater emphasis on incident reviews and lesson learned. IMS team's audit schedule with increased audits and non conformance close outs monitored and trends analysed. Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point for School and Care Catering			IMS Business Plan to address main health and safety issues Action By MDS (Apr 2011)	Nigel Finnamore	Monthly
	Adverse impacts of weaknesses in quality or security of information, information systems or information handling within the organisation, in electronic and paper forms.Adverse impacts may include• Financial cost • Service delivery failures • Damage to individuals • Reputation damage • Effect on legal proceedings	4	4	Corporate Information Governance Group Directorate information Champions Guidance, policies and procedures on Intranet and in e-Learning Course. Management processes in place and in business planning process. Security controls and encryption protection Statements of conformity, spot checks and security breach procedures.	3	3	Annual Information Risk Review underway. External review of all governance documentation Technical infrastructure review underway plus penetration testing. Data Quality Strategy Statement of Conformity returns being collected. Large intranet site full of guidance: http://lccintranet2/corporate/web/vie w.asp?siteid=4305	SIRO + CIGG	June 11
	proceedingsFailure to comply withInformationGovernancerequirements e.g.Freedom of InformationAct, Data Protection ActLegal penalties in theevent of breaches of	4	4	Management controls, including effective logging and tracking, complaints and appeals procedures Effective use of technology The Publication Scheme has been reviewed and updated, and the model publication scheme approved by the Information Commissioner adopted.	3	3	Some staff training and awareness sessions have taken place with many more still to take place. The work load of the Access to Information Team continues to increase due to the growing number of Freedom of Information requests and Data Protection enquiries/subject access requests.	SIRO + CIGG	June 11

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	Data Protection Act e.g. Civil Monetary Penalty, potentially up to £0.5million						Additional resources for the team are being considered Directorate IG champions to be vigilant looking for examples of data misuse in particular that data is: 1. Fairly and lawfully processed 2. Processed for limited purposes 3. Adequate, relevant and not excessive 4. Accurate 5. Not kept longer than necessary 6. Processed in accordance with the data subject's rights 7. Secure 8. Not transferred to countries without adequate protection. CIGG to review security breach records from security breach procedure and look for trends and issue action plans and guidance accordingly		
СҮР	Death or serious injury of a child known to us, or who have been known to us as a result of systemic failure	5	3	Multi-agency safeguarding children Board Arrangements in place and safeguarding children procedures updated. Mechanisms in place Closely monitor referrals and assessments and children subject to Child Protection Plans Provide training and support to staff including multi-agency training Child death and Serious Case Review Panels in place to learn lessons and disseminate learning to practitioners and managers Monitor Educational Visits and policy and guidelines in place	3	3	Continued implementation of service and post inspection action plans Multi-agency conferences disseminating lessons from Serious Case Reviews both within Lancashire, regionally and nationally. Complete roll out of Contact and Referral Team to improve responses to referrals and improve assessments. Continue to improve information sharing between agencies via training and agreed procedures and protocols. Continue to explore integrated and co-located multi-agency teams to improve assessments and information sharing between agencies.	Tony Morrissey Head OF Safeguarding Inspection & Audit	Ongoing

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СҮР	Failure in performance in schools and other educational settings	4	5	Quality Audit Tool used by Early Years (EY) consultants with EY settings. Early warning system identifying schools/settings at risk of failure on wide range of factors. Settings where there are concerns are monitored and supported by the Early Years Special Support Group. Schools where there are concerns relating to Finance, Personnel, Governance, Standards, Quality of Education are reported to, monitored and supported by the Directorate Special Support Group. Contracts of support are provided for schools in difficulty including school to school support. Review the Early Warning systems in the light of the new Ofsted Framework for Inspection (Head of QCI March 2010).	2	4	Develop the Early Years Workforce so that all settings have an accredited Early Years Professional in post by 2015 (Head of QCI). Develop the support/challenge / monitoring arrangements for Children's Centres as they become established and subject to Ofsted inspection (Head of QCI July 2010). Further develop school to school support programmes through collaborations / federations, particularly where appointment of head teachers is problematic (Head of QCI/D&I July 2010).	Ann Pennell Director for Commissioni ng, Performance and Business Support	Ongoing
СҮР	Workforce recruitment and retention within Children's services- capacity to undertake workforce planning; shortages of key skills/workers/leaders; low levels of workforce well-being & poor retention; lack of key leadership competencies; lack of training & development opportunities	3	3	 Children's Workforce Strategy in place. Implementation underway Common workforce data collection undertaken Leadership development programme underway Development of career pathways across sections of the Directorate Range of initiatives in place for workbased recruitment – teachers (GRTP), social workers, apprentices & graduate trainees Range of training & development opportunities to support retention and progression Flexible working arrangements in place Range of staff well-being schemes across Directorate Talent Pool programme in place. 	2	1	 Continue development and implementation of Children's Workforce Strategy Implement change programme projects Managing budget/staffing reductions through a managed process of restructuring Transition CYP Change Programme to Continuous Improvement Programme 	Dave Carr, Head of Efficiency and Business Support	Ongoing
СҮР	Inspection failure in limiting judgement area	4	3	Post inspection action plans in place monitored by DLT	3	2	Partnership Board with other agencies being established to look	Ann Pennell Director for	Ongoing

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	relating to services to children, young people and families which leads to failure in performance of the County Council as a whole			Inspection preparation groups in place Mock inspections being undertaken Service plan and performance management framework in place Audit team established			at undertaking multi-agency mock inspections	Commissioni ng, Performance and Business Support	
OCE	Equal Pay Review leading to: - serious industrial action; - significant numbers of tribunal claims; - difficulties in retaining staff;	4	5	A Collective Agreement has now been signed by the main trade unions agreeing to most of the new terms and conditions introduced wef 1 August 2010. On-going dialogue with trade unions and continuing communication with staff. Ongoing communications with schools to keep them engaged and informed	2	2	Continue communication with staff groups affected and trade unions. Continue engagement of senior managers to ensure consistent messages are given and communicated to staff. Continue and complete the JE appeals process. Complete JE for special and chief officer grades. Complete JE for other staff groups e.g. soulbury grades.	Deputy County Secretary and Solicitor	Quarterly
ENV	Surface water flooding. LAs now responsible for surface water management (Flood and Water Management Act April 2010)	2	4	Ongoing development of Surface Water Management Plan for Lancashire. Development of prioritised and targeted action to reduce risk.	2	3	Re-prioritise capital funding. Develop in-house expertise.	Jo Turton, Executive Director	Six - Monthly
ENV	Loss of highway infrastructure due to flooding	3	2	Regular inspections currently being undertaken on all highway bridges. "Structures at Risk Register" being developed with increased frequency of inspections on these highway structures. Special Inspections of "at- risk" highway structures being undertaken immediately following localised high rainfall events.	3	1	Close monitoring of risk via service risk register (ongoing)	Jo Turton, Executive Director	Annually
ENV	Failure of Waste PFI Contract - financial and reputation risk.	2	2	Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly and Annual monitoring and reconciliation of data and performance against both diversion and financial targets.	2	1	Close monitoring of risk via service risk register (ongoing)	Jo Turton, Executive Director	Six - Monthly

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ENV	Corporate Manslaughter	1	1	effectively manage baseline costs. Highway safety inspections (3,6 or 12-	1	1	Close monitoring of risk via service	Jo Turton,	Six -
ENV	on highway			monthly as appropriate) .Annual skid resistance surveys. Bi-annual bridge inspections. Monitoring of highway slopes and embankments.	I		risk register (ongoing)	Executive Director	Monthly
ENV	Failure of Public Transport Contracts - financial and reputation risk	2	2	Public transport operators closely monitored. Where appropriate, contingency measures are put in place allow us to replace contracts quickly and efficiently should the need arise.	2	1	No further action proposed	Jo Turton, Executive Director	Six - Monthly