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Subject:	Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2012/2013		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to the Committee progress made in 2012/2013 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council.
- 1.2 This approach forms part of the Council's overall Corporate Governance Framework and will be integral to the approach for BV2.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 During 2012/2013 the Council continued to value the importance of maintaining the momentum on risk management and progress has been made in the following areas:
- Ongoing review and update of strategic and operational risk registers;
 - Ongoing training of members in Corporate Governance arrangements, including risk management;
 - Maintaining a risk register for the Financial Strategy which allows management to consider the risks to the overall financial position arising from matters contained within the Financial Strategy;
 - Implementing risk management as a key aspect of the Strategic Planning and Performance Management Framework;
 - Continuing the advancement of emergency planning, crisis management and business continuity within the Council and fulfil the Council's legislative requirements under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 in conjunction with the Joint Civil Contingencies Service; and
 - Recruiting a Corporate Risk Advisor to support the ongoing development of risk management.
- 2.2 It is considered important to actively progress the risk management process to achieve further improvement. We have reviewed the Audit Scotland BV toolkit relating to Risk Management and a number of initiatives will be undertaken in 2013-14 to ensure the Council meets the requirements of the guidance.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members note the progress made in 2012/2013 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The role of Internal Audit in Risk Management is defined as contributing to the management of risk by evaluating and providing assurance on risk management processes. The assurance extends principally to two main areas, firstly that major business risks are being managed and secondly that the Risk Management and Internal Control Framework is operating effectively.
- 4.2 The responsibility for managing risk lies not with Internal Audit but with service management, with corporate consistency being supported through the Corporate Risk Management Group.
- 4.3 Internal Audit allocated time within the 2012/13 Internal Audit Plan to undertake detailed Risk Management work in the undernoted areas:-
- Progression of Council Wide Risk Management Initiatives;
 - Review of Risk Management within Key Business Initiatives; and
 - Continuous development work on Risk Registers and Business Continuity Plans.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Legal: None
Finance: None
Personnel: None
Equalities: None

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 None

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Risk Management Progress Reports to Audit Committee in August, October and December 2012, and January, March, May and August 2013.