

**Audit & Governance Committee**

**15 February 2010**

Report of the Assistant Director (Customer Service & Governance)

**Risk Report – University of York Swimming Pool**

**Summary**

1. The purpose of this paper is to present to Audit & Governance Committee (A&G) the detailed risk paper in relation to the University Swimming Pool as requested by A&G in December 2009 and also update A&G in relation to member risk management training.

**Background**

2. A&G regularly request reports on specific areas of risk as part of the committee's governance remit. This paper has been brought specifically in respect of this role following the presentation of the Quarter 3 Risk Monitor to A&G in December 2009.

**Risk Associated with the University Pool**

3. The University Swimming Pool forms one of the key risks contained within the council's corporate risk register in relation to the Capital Programme. A detailed report provided by the Assistant Director - Learning Culture & Children's Services (Lifelong Learning) which outlines some of the key issues and challenges in relation to this project is set out at Annex A of this report.

**Training Update**

4. The member risk management training session arranged for the evening of 20 February 2010 was cancelled after 3 of the 4 members who had expressed an interest in attending had to withdraw at the last minute. The next member training session is planned for the 16 March 2010 at the Guildhall between 12pm – 1pm and all A&G members who have not so far attended a risk management training session are welcome to attend. This training will assist A&G members in understanding the council's risk management system and risk reports, thus enabling them to identify opportunities for effective challenge, which will enhance the council's system of internal control.

## Options

5. Not applicable.

## Corporate Strategy

6. The effective consideration and management of risk within all of the council's business processes will contribute to achieving an 'Effective Organisation' and aid the successful delivery of each theme within the Corporate Strategy.

## Implications

- (a) **Financial** - There are no implications
- (b) **Human Resources (HR)** - There are no implications
- (c) **Equalities** - There are no implications
- (d) **Legal** - There are no implications
- (e) **Crime and Disorder** - There are no implications
- (f) **Information Technology (IT)** - There are no implications
- (g) **Property** - There are no implications except as included in Annex A in terms of risks to the capital project.

## Risk Management

7. In compliance with the council's Risk Management strategy, there are no risks directly associated with the recommendations of this report. The activity resulting from this report will contribute to improving the council's internal control environment and avoid criticism within the Organisational Assessment under CAA.

## Recommendations

8. Audit & Governance Committee are asked to consider, comment on the risks set out in the report attached at Annex A.

### Reason

*To provide assurance that risks to the council are continuously reviewed and managed.*

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** Not applicable

**Wards Affected** Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

### Background Papers

Quarter 3 Risk Monitor 2009/10

### Annex

Annex A – University Pool Risks