# Ashfield District Council Corporate Risk Register - Analysis Quarter 4 2017/18



Place and Economic Growth Priority

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| (ADC)<br>CR040 | Failure to have<br>adopted LDF /<br>Local Plan | Impact Impact          | Impact                 | poortiis in properties of the little of the | Impact               | Reduced to medium | Diminish ability to stimulate economic growth     Increase likelihood of a developer lead approach to devt.     Maximises potential for a ward of costs against the authority     New approach to plan. High risk.     Members Aware.     Local Plan now at preferred approach.     Need to publish next stage. Failure to achieve will set back timetable.     If plan requires subsequent revision, will add delays. | X               | Need alternative approach to development with Members through adoption of Core Strategy  Regular engagement with Members to bring them on board  Keeping abreast of latest challenges; work with Planning Advisory Service for proof-reading  Keeping a clear audit trail of engagements with developers and consultees |                 | The Plan is currently at examination. The Inspector has asked for some additional work which has been provided with the exception of matters relating to education. The Inspector has also been provided with all the main modifications to the Plan discussed at the formal Examination which he is currently considering. Initial feedback from the Inspector has been positive. The only outstanding matters relate to education and housing site modifications that will relate to the education approach and some work related to one small site. ADC is continuing to work with the County Council to obtain the necessary information in relation to education. Further intervention may be required at a senior level. | 6 April<br>2018  |

#### **Communities and Environment Priority**

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|                | [Corporate Risk]<br>Failure to  |                        |                        |                   |                   |           |  |                 | TEEP assessment<br>to be reviewed<br>annually by JWMC                    |                       | TEEP annual review completed in partnership with Notts Joint Officer Board. No changes have  |                  |
| (ADC)<br>CR071 | demonstrate<br>compliance with<br>TEEP<br>assessment<br>under Waste<br>Framework<br>Directive         | Impact                 | Impact                 | Impact            | Impact Impact     | No change | Full redesign and expansion of waste services     Additional cost incurred | Medium          | Ensure TEEP compliance with trial review                                 | Sam<br>Dennis         | been made to the method of collecting, eg comingled dry recyclable and separate glass. increased garden waste has enabled the Council to divert more waste out of the residual stream and increase single stream collection for composting.  | 12 Feb<br>2018   |
|                |   |                        |                        |                   |                   |           |  |                 | development of<br>Scrutiny review in<br>September 2016                   |                       | Implementation of a free<br>for 2 year garden waste<br>collection service has<br>enabled an increase to<br>the Council's recycling<br>rate of over 9%. Current   |                  |
| (ADC)<br>CR072 | [Corporate Risk] Failure to meet requirement of Waste Directive to achieve 50% recycling rate by 2020 | Impact                 | Impact                 | Pooling Inpact    | poorliev17 Impact | No change | potential fines from<br>EU     reputational<br>damage                      | High            | Discussions with<br>County regarding<br>innovative options<br>is ongoing | Sam<br>Dennis         | recycling rate stands at 41% which makes Ashfield 3rd in the league table of Nottinghamshire Districts. Currently the target remains at a County level. The impact on Brexit is not yet confirmed, however the government's 25 year Environmental Plan indicates support for the EU target of 65% by 2030. | 12 Feb<br>2018   |

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| (ADC)<br>CR083 | Failure to<br>Support and<br>Safeguard<br>Vulnerable<br>people |                        |                        | Trieglpood Impact | Impact            | No change | Significant adverse outcomes for vulnerable people suffering with mental health issues     Reputation of the council and its partners     Financial impact through lack of working in joined up manner |                 | Working with NCC and other districts to review opportunity to improve closer working with mental health services | Rebecc<br>a<br>Whiteh<br>ead | The positive relations with partners continues to grow with agencies increasing their collaboration and cooperation. There remain concerns around mental health provision however this is a national problem and were available local relations are positive and deliver benefit for service users. Due to the nature of community safety any new critical incident may reveal failing within cooperation however at this time we are operating above and beyond the work in other similar authorities, |                  |

### **Housing Priority**

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| (ADC)<br>CR046 | [Corporate Risk]<br>Introduction of<br>Universal Credit | Likelihood la | poortievit impact      | Likelihood limpact | Impact            | Reduced<br>to medium | • Potential loss of HRA rental income if tenants receiving UC choose not to pay rent (Profiling of current tenants as at 20/2/17 show that there is a risk to the rent roll (circa £11 million) as there will be around 3200 tenants affected. 2380 –high risk and 820 medium risk). This does not include those tenant who have working age partners. | Low             | There is a dedicated officer for Welfare Reform in the Tenancy Service Section. This Officer has close links with the DWP.  There is a formalised internal process for managing UC cases.  There is a UC action plan in place. This needs reviewing regularly especially around resource requirements to manage the process.  The Council operates an agency agreement with DWP to assist residents who wish to claim UC  The Welfare Reform Group brings together a series of different | Craig<br>Scott/<br>Nikki Moss | Direct discussions with the local Partnership Manager for DWP Universal Credit. We have now obtained up to date information regarding the work that ADC staff will need to undertake to support the roll out of UC in Ashfield. Local Authority site visits have been scheduled in so that we can fully understand the impact of the volumes of Personal Budgeting Support and Assisted Digital Support will be required to provide under the partnership agreement. This will enable us to understand the resource implications of this work and how best ADC can meet this demand.  The Universal Credit Action Plan for Housing is currently under review. The Welfare Reform Strategy will also be reviewed over the coming months and will be amended as | 15 May-<br>2018      |

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|                |   |                        |                        |                   |                   |           |  |                 | disciplines and partners to ensure the Council's response to UC remains proactive and robust  |                       | required. The date of the next Welfare Reform Board meeting has been arranged for early July 2018. Proposed actions for the coming months will be put forward at this meeting for consideration by members. Profiling of tenants who will be affected by UC (wider roll out) has been carried out. Further work is being carried out on this.  |                      |
| (ADC)<br>CR062 | Inability to deliver<br>affordable<br>housing | pood, jayin Impact     | Tikelhood Inikelhood   | Impact            | Impact            | No change | Targets not met     lack of new     affordable housing     going forward | Low             | Use of S106 funding Tackling empty homes Close working with Planning Services Work with private landlords via the Landlords Forum Enforcement to tackle poor standard housing | Phil<br>Warrington    | Affordable housing delivery for 2017/18 was below target. Lack of interest and activity in S106 and new developments from RP's. Regular contact maintained with RP's to understand their future intentions and to offer what encouragement/assista nce we can. Plans for Council to develop and purchase affordable housing in 2018/19 should help ensure targets are met and risks minimised. | 16 May-<br>2018      |

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| (ADC)<br>CRO79 | [Corporate Risk] Impact of the impending 1% rent reduction on the Councils ability to invest in new build & existing housing stock |                        | Impact                 | Theilhood market | pood experience of the control of th | Reduced<br>to medium | Reduced headroom /<br>ability to borrow in the<br>HRA<br>Revisions required to<br>the 30 year plan<br>Changes / reduced<br>capital programme in<br>the short term<br>Fewer new affordable<br>homes being<br>delivered<br>Reduced service<br>delivery to existing<br>tenants |                 |                       | Parkinson/<br>Nicky   | 30 year HRA business plan will be in place for Summer 2018 which can be used to identify spending limitations and efficiencies. | 17 May<br>2018       |

#### Organisational Improvement Priority

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|                |   |                        |                        |                   |                      |              |  |                 | Mini re-structure           |                       | During 2018-19 DWP have introduced a new   |                      |
|                |   |                        |                        |                   |                      |              |  |                 | Offsite processing capacity |                       | process to assist in the recovery of overpayments. Claimants who are not   |                      |
| (ADC)<br>CR074 | [Corporate Risk]<br>Overpayment of<br>Housing Benefit | Kelihood               | Tikelihood<br>Impact   | Impact            | Likelihood           | No<br>change | - loss of subsidy<br>- increasing burden<br>of debt collection | High            | Improved training           | Craig Scott           | subject to overpayment recovery from on-going HB entitlement (no longer claiming HB) will now be included in a data match file that the DWP will compare against employment details held by HMRC. This information will then enable ADC to issue an attachment of earnings order to the debtor's employer to trigger direct deductions from earnings to clear the overpayment. We are anticipating some good results from this and have diverted additional officer time into this to ensure we get maximum benefit from this project. | 15<br>May-<br>2018   |

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|                |  |                        |                        |  |                              |                         |   | Medium          | CLT and Cabinet will<br>work together to<br>identify savings and<br>income generation<br>opportunities   |                       | Net savings required by the<br>MTFS have been identified<br>for 2018/19 and are<br>scheduled to be  |                      |
| (ADC)<br>CR029 | [Corporate Risk] Failure to make required savings as identified in MTFS  | Impact                 | poolee et al.          | pool gegin   | poo <sub>uja yi</sub> Impact | Reduced<br>to<br>medium | Council cannot<br>fund full range of<br>services in future Pressure on<br>General Fund<br>reserves  |                 | Generate additional income  For 2017/18, £1m of savings have been identified, and these workshops will continue throughout 2017, with the aim of identifying a further £1m of savings/addition income for 2018/19.   | Sharon<br>Lynch       | implemented as forecast and approved by Cabinet and Council. Work is ongoing by CLT on identifying additional net savings (reduced expenditure/increased income) for 2019/20 onwards through commercialism, service reviews, restructures and invest to save schemes.   | 23 May<br>2 0 1 8    |
| (ADC)<br>CR033 | [Corporate Risk]<br>Ability to achieve<br>efficiencies and<br>compliance from<br>procurement<br>reviews /<br>improvement | pooling                | The Prood              | The library languages and the library langua | The libood Impact            | No<br>change            | •Penalties for non-<br>compliance with<br>legislation<br>•Inability to meet<br>MTFS savings<br>targets if<br>procurement<br>savings not<br>achieved | Medium          | Agreement of a new Procurement Strategy setting out clear guidance for spending managers  Review of Procurement Arrangements (Shared Procurement Unit) to ensure objectives are being met  Particular emphasis on small value procurement (under £25k) to ensure that the Council has legally compliant processes in place | Craig<br>Bonar        | A new shared service agreement with Nottingham City Council procurement unit has been implemented.  A new position of Service Manager-Commercial Development was appointed to in May 18, including specific responsibility for strategic procurement and embedding improved activity and monitoring.  Contract procurement below £50k has been revised to provide clarity and enhanced timeliness and process | 17 May<br>2018       |

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| (ADC)<br>CR003 | [Corporate Risk] Members' Ethical Framework – Failure to demonstrate high standards of behaviour | Impact                 | poolija (1) Impact     | Impact            | Fivelihood           | Slight increase,<br>remains<br>significant | Significant resource to deal with implications of Code of Conduct Complaints.  Potential for negative perception of the Council which impacts upon the Council's reputation  Potentially adverse impact upon the workings of the Council  New legislation does not provide "strong" sanctions for breaches to the Code which may make regulation of poor ethical behaviour difficult and leave complainants dissatisfied with outcomes. | <b>X</b>           | Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee approves an annual work programme which includes an annual review.  A review of the Members' Code of Conduct Complaints Process will be carried out during 2017/2018in accordance with the recommendations of the LGA Peer Challenge 2017.  Present Quarterly Complaint Monitoring reports to Standards and Personnel (Appeals) Committee |                          | A review of the Members' Code of Conduct Complaints Process was carried out during 2017/2018 in accordance with the recommendations of the LGA Peer Challenge 2017. The revised process will be presented to the AGM on 24 May for approval. At the same meeting a revised Members' Social Media policy is being recommended for approval.  Subject to Council approval at the AGM, the existing Independent Persons will continue in role for a further two years and the Parishes will be asked for a Parish Member to be appointed as a Co-Optee to the Committee to increase Parish involvement and understanding.  An Annual Review of ethical governance was presented to Committee in March 2018. The Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee will agree its 2018/2019 workplan at its meeting on 2 July 2018. The Committee | 23 May<br>2018   |

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|      |   |                        |  |                   |                      |        |  |                 |   |                          | will continue to monitor complaints.  The Council has responded to the  |                  |
|      |   |                        |  |                   |                      |        |  |                 |   |                          | Committee on<br>Standards in Public<br>Life consultation<br>regarding local<br>government ethical<br>standards which closed<br>on 18 May 2018.                              |                  |
|      |   |                        |  |                   |                      |        |  | High            | Robust<br>management of<br>sickness absence<br>procedures by<br>managers and<br>robust procedures -<br>Revised Absence<br>Mgt Policy<br>implemented |                          |   |                  |
|      | [Corporate Risk]<br>High levels of<br>sickness<br>absence | poulinant              | [Near the state of | Impact            | [rivell-bood         |        | •Productivity •Financial •Employee morale •Service delivery •Remaining staff placed under increased pressure •Reputational |                 | Effective monitoring - monthly monitoring reports highlighting service area absence to assist CMG and managers in absence management                | Craig<br>Bonar           | Close monitoring by managers, CLT and HR in place to assess trends and ensure robust implementation of attendance management policy.  Increased focus on the management and | 17 May-<br>2018  |
|      |   |                        |  |                   |                      |        | damage   | √               | Employee support mechanisms - Employee assistance programme implemented   |                          | reduction of long term sickness   |                  |
|      |   |                        |  |                   |                      |        |  |                 | Appropriate occupational health support – Occ Health provision reviewed   |                          |   |                  |

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| (ADC)<br>CR032b-a | Business Rates<br>appeals are<br>higher than<br>forecast  |                        |                        | Impact                   | Tikelihood Displayed Displ | No change         | Negative impact a<br>MTFS ; further<br>savings required |                 | A prudent approach is taken to estimating likely successful appeals. | C Scott                  | We still have very limited information both locally and nationally regarding the new CCA appeals to gauge the volumes we're likely tio receive and the potential value of any successful appeals. Although the whole Check, Challenge and Appeal process has been designed to reduce the number of cases going to Appeal, it is still assumed, based upon industry knowledge and advice, that the overall value of successful appeals will be similar to historic appeals outcomes. | 15 May<br>2018   |
| (ADC)<br>CR032b-b | NHS Trusts<br>successfully<br>lobby for<br>charitable status<br>and pay<br>significantly<br>reduced<br>business rates |                        |                        | poulli-sell-board impact | Likelihood   | Reduced to medium | Negative impact a<br>MTFS; further<br>savings required  |                 | The Council is supporting the LGA's action against the hospitals.    | C Scott                  | A large number of NHS trusts have issued a similar letter to over 100 billing authorities nationally. The Local Government Association (LGA) has taken up the case to support 49 local authorities in the same position as Ashfield and has commissioned its own Counsel's opinion.  Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust has withdrawn the proceedings against both local authorities with immediate effect.  | 29 May<br>2018   |

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| (ADC)<br>CR032b-c | Ashfield loses<br>resources under<br>the Governments<br>' 100% retention /<br>fair funding '<br>regime |                        |                        | Typed             | Impact               |        | Negative impact a MTFS; further savings required |                 | The Council will contribute to any consultation when proposals are announced, emphasising the need for resources to be allocated to deprived areas. | S Lynch                  | The Government is now indicating 75% retention with effect from 2020/21. The Fair Funding Review is also on-going. There is insufficient information to indicate with any certainty what the impact shall be for ADC.  The Council is above its baseline funding level and the MTFS has indicated savings of £4.5m would be required over 5 years if business rates reduced to this level. The government has indicated that if there were significant impacts upon Authorities, reductions in funding would be phased. | 25 May<br>2018   |

## **DELETED RISKS**

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| (ADC)<br>CR073a | [Key Risk]<br>Idlewells Market | Impact                 | Impact Impact          | Lifethood         | Impact        | Risk reduced<br>and finishes in<br>Quarter 3 | *Loss of Trade *Low occupancy rates *New product doesn't sell *Contract dispute *Landlords dispute *Structural and ME failures •Reputation (public expectations) •Financial – claims •VAT increase to traders •Increase on insurance costs *Delays on opening *Funding agreement not achieved -reclaim | High            | *Contract Programme - Regular inspection and monitoring *Business plan produced and updated * Pre letting campaign * Communication plan – monitor/update  Risk register in place for all aspects of the project/monitored  Contract signed – Regular meetings/Site/ internal *Quarter monitoring D2N2 grant. | Theresa<br>Hodgkin<br>son | Asbestos removed from all designated areas and certificated evidence of work carried out received  Refurbishment completed and handed back to ADC on 11th December 2017  Snagging list created and resolutions sought through 12 month post works period  Market hall 50% occupied on handover. Two new traders in place since handover, further new trader in place mid-February 2018  Communication plan in place for promoting the market as a place to do business  Positive marketing in partnership with Idlewells shopping Centre  First 'Trader day ' held on the 26th January – seven prospective traders interviewed on the day / one verbal acceptance | 01-Feb-<br>2018  |

## **NEW RISKS**

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| CR084 | Failure to be prepared for the Implementation of new Data Protection Legislation (General Data Protection Regulations) in May 2018 | new                    | new                    | new               | Impact            | n/a – new<br>risk | <ul> <li>Fine for non-compliance compliant up £14m or 2% gross annual turnover.</li> <li>Reputation – through reporting of breaches and issues/ any form of enforcement action on the ICO website.</li> </ul> | Yes             | <ul> <li>Establish GDPR project team</li> <li>Detailed project plan to ensure compliance</li> </ul> | Ruth<br>Dennis<br>and<br>Sarah<br>Hall | We have the ability to influence this risk by demonstrating to the ICO how the Council has prepared for the implementation of the GDPR and is seeking to comply with the same with the Council be able to influence any decision of the ICO.  The Council has set up a Corporate Project Team to lead on implementation of the GDPR. The Director of Legal and Governance is the Project Sponsor whilst the Council's Principal Solicitor is the Project Lead. A comprehensive plan is in place to ensure compliance with the GDPR and ensure readiness for its implementation in May.  Assessment of the Council's progress against the ICO's checklist demonstrates that the Council has made significant progress in relation to its preparations for the implementation of GDPR and is on track with this action plan. | 23 May<br>2018   |

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| CR085 | Loss of Capita<br>financial services               | new                    | new                    | new               | Impact            | n/a – new<br>risk | <ul> <li>Potential loss of income to the organisation for a period of time</li> <li>Reputational damage</li> <li>Loss of method of payment with cash until new arrangement in place</li> <li>Potential loss of transaction data for 1 working day</li> </ul> |                 | <ul> <li>Review current contract</li> <li>Put in place a Contingency plan</li> </ul>  | Craig<br>Bonar/<br>Sharon<br>Lynch | Potential level of transactions for the period 7/8 days) would be around 3,800 at a value of potentially £310k.   | 22 Feb<br>2018   |
| NEW   | Kirkby Leisure<br>Centre VFM<br>project            |                        |                        |                   | Impact            | n/a – new<br>risk | inability to deliver VFM based on identified need and affordability     Increased project costs     Lack of robust business case     Costs of LC significantly increases net cost allocation to MTFS   |                 | Robust business<br>case based on<br>identified need<br>and affordability  |                                    | Still subject to robust business case   | May 2018         |
| NEW   | no single political<br>group in overall<br>control |                        |                        |                   | Impact Impact     | n/a – new<br>risk | Failure to transact Council business efficiently or effectively within its governance framework. This is most likely to be felt in regards to longer terms strategic issues and less so for operational and executive functions.                             |                 | <ul> <li>Appropriate         Leadership         Meetings and         Communications</li> <li>Appropriate         Cross-Party         exchange of         information</li> </ul> | Rob<br>Mitchell                    | Following changes to political groupings in recent weeks, the Council currently has no single political group in overall control. A new Leader of the Council was elected at the Council meeting on 26 April 2018. Members and Officers will be working hard to ensure the Council continues to transact its business effectively and in accordance with the Council's governance | May 2018         |

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|                |                                      |                        |                        |                   |                     |        |  |                 |  |                          | framework. New leadership meetings have been formed and Cross-Party Working arrangements will continue.  |                  |
| (ADC)<br>CR082 | Commercial<br>property<br>investment |                        |                        |                   | Poorties Impact 2/2 | new    | Decrease in capital value of the property     Inability of tenant to pay or request for renegotiation of rent     Reduced income |                 | Robust monitoring arrangements for portfolio – stability of tenant, stability of market and macro economics  Ensure adequate lease length (greater than 7 years)  Ensure property investment in most advantageous asset class  Ensure tenant has good financial standing and passes regular credit analysis (D+B)  Property reserve to offset short term voids | Justin                   | Assessment change is significant. All routes thus far reliant on generating new income rather than reconfiguring spend to maintain services albeit in a different way.  Latest investment guidance poses new challenges for 19/20 and beyond as a large portion of income generated from investment properties has now been eliminated, essentially changing our MRP option. | 24 May<br>2018   |