Corporate Risk Register 2020/21 Q3

Risk Area	Specific risks	Owner (CD / HoS)	Existing Controls	Current Risk Scores and rating(see table below)	Emerging risks & opportunities	Corporate priority
1. Change Management Organisational cultures and other barriers impact on ability to manage and implement change effectively.	 Ineffective employee engagement and buy-in to new delivery models affects delivery objectives as people do not have the right skills to deliver project outcomes resulting in a demotivated workforce. Insufficient capacity, skills and expertise to deliver reform programmes, successfully establish traded services and complex change, resulting in further pressure on existing services and increased costs. Insufficient management 	Corporate Leadership Team (Holly Rae)	 MTFP programme – especially Strategic Commissioning and Organisation themes. Reserves policy Double-running and other transitional arrangements. Staff briefing sessions. Line management support for affected staff. Business Intelligence Function & Digital by Design Oversight of MTFP projects by Strategy and Reform. 4 core values that run 	L3x I2 Medium	MTFP Delivery Plan Failure to deliver effective services under "new normal" and realise the benefits of more digital ways of working.	All

Risk Area	 Services unable to provide the required level of input into enabling schemes. An unstable, demotivated workforce at a time of change. Failure to co-produce strategies and approaches to inclusion with residents, making it difficult to build relationships and trust with local communities. Specific risks	the Stockport Way of doing things. As an organisation we stay true to them no matter what challenges we face.	Current	Emerging risks &	
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Failure to deliver MTFP (savings targets and balanced budget).	 The need to identify and achieve savings, income generation and reform to meet the MTFP forecast savings requirement. The MTFP update presented to the Cabinet meeting in October forecasts a savings requirement of £23.341m in 2021/22 rising to £34.825m in 2022/23 taking into account the forecast COVID19 financial scarring impacts and updates to the underpinning MTFP forecasts and assumptions. The financial landscape continues to be challenging due to the significant levels of uncertainty, volatility and risk exacerbated by the financial impact of the 	Michael Cullen/ Jonathan Davies	 The Finance Team continues to complete the monthly iterations of the Government's COVID19 financial impact return. In addition, the MTFP underpinning forecast and assumptions continue to be updated to ensure they are based on the latest available information to inform decision making. Continuing budget monitoring and forecasting of the 2020/21 outturn position to identify any core budget underspends/offsets (for example where services have temporally ceased due to COVID19 and expected costs are not being incurred) as well 	L4x I4 High	Government Spending Review, and Local Government Finance Settlement. MTFP delivery plan GM Business Rate Retention Devolved H&SC and skills funding at GM level Continuing to lobby Government alongside other Authorities for further support whether that be funding or relaxation of legislation – i.e. allowing deficit budgets, borrowing to fund revenue etc Further national lockdowns and/or tier restrictions –	AII

		Consider the second
pandemic. • The Government's future direction for Local Authority funding remains uncertain and subject to Government completing a multi-year spending review and implementing planned reforms to the Fairer Funding Formula and Business Rates Retention. However, descriptions of the Government's and the Government's and the Government's and the government's are settled.	COVID19 cost codes setup in the financial ledger. The Q1 financial update report presented to Cabinet on 28 July presented a Q1 financial position for the Council of £20.6m (including £10.2m deficit on Collection	financial and economic impact will continue to be significant. Emerging vaccines.
prioritisation of the national response to th pandemic the Autumn Budget Statement expected to be announced in October was cancelled, and it h been confirmed that th Government Departments' Spendin Review will be for one year only – 2021/22. T Spending Review is expected to be announced in late November. As a result the Local Government	Presented to Scrutiny and Cabinet meetings in December. The Council Reserves Policy was approved by Cabinet in October. Reserves are a key part of the Council's financial resilience and	

expected to be announced by Government in mid-	here is to understand the risk the significant use of resources held
December and is expected to be (not confirmed) a one year 'roll-over' funding settlement for 2021/22 only.	in reserves will have on the Council's financial resilience and robustness over the medium-term period.
The completion of reforms linked to the Fairer Funding Formula and Business Rates Retention, both of which will determine the distribution of national funding to Local Authorities going forward, have been delayed. Prior to the COVID19 pandemic these reforms were expected to impact on the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2021/22, but	Review of the Council's earmarked reserves which have been set aside to fund revenue contributions to capital schemes and considering switching to other forms of capital funding (i.e. borrowing) to free up the revenue resources to bolster the Council's available earmarked reserves to support the funding of the COVID19 financial impact.
Government has since confirmed these reforms will be implemented in 2022/23 at the earliest. • The Council's 2020/21	Review of the Council's Capital Programme to consider rephasing of capital schemes and reduce the revenue

The MTFP forecast and assumptions continue to be updated as detailed above to reflect the impact of national decisions and announcements in terms of national lockdowns, tier restrictions and		
emerging vaccines.		
Despite the Government support funding and further funding to be provided in relation to Sales, Fees and Charges income loss		
compensation, the extent of the financial impact means the Council will need to share the		
2020/21 financial burden of COVID19 with Government. This will be achieved through the use		
of available resources from GMCA returns linked to Waste Reserves held by the		
GMCA and use of the Council's earmarked reserves and General		

	Fund Balance.					
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3. ICT Capacity Insufficient ICT infrastructure and capacity.	The benefits of digital and information systems are unrealised Cyber Resilience	Michael Cullen/ Adrian Davies	 Infrastructure Data Centre refresh plan approved (Nutanix procurement) including capacity for remote working and cloud services. Digital Strategy Road Map including Technology, Data and Transformation. Joint working across GM PSN assessment and testing, Cyber Essentials accreditation Communications campaigns on threats from cyber-crime. 	L2x I3 Medium		All

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4. Demand Pressures Inability to influence behaviour change resulting in demand and expectations continue to rise.	 Welfare reform - Vulnerable residents suffer a fall in household incomes, with associated risks to health and wellbeing and increase in child poverty. Demand and expectations continue to rise against a backdrop of reduced resources for non-statutory services, leading to increasing demand and financial pressures, service delivery failure and an increase in complaints 	Corporate Leadership Team	 Action plan for implementation of reforms within services Working with Stockport Advice, DWP, Job Centre Plus, Stockport Homes and across Greater Manchester Monitor developments relating to the passage of supporting statutes for the Children and Social Care Act. MTFP Delivery Plan including channel shift to digital and restructuring of services and commissioning. 	L3x I4 Medium		AII

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5. Supplier and partner risk Key suppliers and partners to significant projects and services may be unable to deliver on behalf of the Council.	 Service failure or projects overrun or cannot be completed. Services commissioned and procured may not be delivered to the requisite cost or standards. 	Corporate Leadership Team	 Procurement process including financial assessments of potential suppliers. Robust business continuity and contingency plans. 	L2x I3 Medium	MTFP -Procurement Strand Director of Strategy and Commissioning and Head of Commissioning apoointed and in post and working to improve information on providers and commissioning models. Risk assessments of Care Home providers being undertaken.	AII

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Failure to protect the Council's information assets including personal and sensitive personal data and other confidential data.	 Loss of control of personal data and non-compliance with the Data Protection Act (DPA) resulting in harm or damage to the data subject and a negative impact on the reputation of the Council as custodian of personal and sensitive information and possible financial risk via financial penalties. Non-compliance with new General Data Protection Regulation requirements resulting in censure from Information Commissioner and potential data breaches.Data Sharing: Contravention of principle 1 of the Data 	Michael Cullen (Craig Hughes/ Karen Lane)	 Action plan to meet GDPR requirements ongoing. IG and ICT security policies and procedures including assessment and coordination of serious information governance incidents. Robust governance, management and monitoring arrangements including new SIRO Board Data Breach Panel. Mandatory staff training, Regular communication and awareness raising 	L2x I3 Medium	Increased risk during period of change, with more data being shared between organisations, employees taking on new roles etc. Data sharing opportunities with key partners for example, health and police partners. GDPR implementation will raise significant challenges but may help facilitate the Business Intelligence work IG team at full establishment levels and new IG	AII

	Protection Act re. fair processing including the Troubled Families and other multi-agency programmes				Manager/ DPO appointed.	
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7. Social Care restructuring (Adults) Financial resources and capacity are insufficient to deliver the strategic change programme and associated benefits to required timescales.	Service transformation projects are risky, high-profile, complex, interdependent and costly, and ultimately challenging to deliver. They are prone to falling short of promised benefits and / or exceeding budgets and can present the greatest risk of failure to the Council. The implementation of the new operating model was paused in February 2020 as a direct result of covid-19. This means that the above work will no longer be	Mark Fitton	 Adult Social Care has currently been working with an external agency in a re-design of Adult Social Care, to ensure future sustainability and a pathway that focuses on outcomes and independence. The Design phase of this workis completed and implementation of the new operating model has commenced. The implementation of the new model will be supported with 	L3 x l4 High	Due to the impact of the covid19 pandemic as of February 2020 the transformation programme was paused. This has now been revisisted and the service has recommenced with the programme work work. The service contrinues to respond to the pandemic which means that progress against the transformation plan	1. People are able to make positive choices and be independent. 2. People who need support get it.

achieved against the original	dedicated resource	will be slower than
timescales.	through the implementation team who will work with service experts to implement the required	anticipated. The programme of work will run throughout the rest of 2020/21 and into 2021/22.
	changes, whilst identifying and managing risks	
	The risks of failure to deliver will be overseen by a Programme Board and Team that has been established to support implementation.	
	Work on commissioning within the social care market will need to continue to address the growing costs that Adult Social Care is currently funding, particularly within the residential and nursing sector.	

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8. Social Care restructuring (Childrens and Education) Financial resources and capacity are insufficient to deliver the strategic change programme and associated benefits to required timescales.	Service transformation projects are risky, high-profile, complex, interdependent and costly, and ultimately challenging to deliver. They are prone to falling short of promised benefits and / or exceeding budgets and can present the greatest risk of failure to the Council.	Chris McLoughlin (Jennie Neill)	 The new model for Stockport Family and Education Services was one of the proposals through the MTFP process (2019/20). The Programme Lead has led a strategic review of Children's and Education Services to identify areas of best practice, potential duplication and opportunities for integration. The same lead has also led the delivery of the Written Statement of Action in response to the OFTSED/ CQC inspection of SEND provision, ensuring goal congruence. Oversight by the 	L3 x l4 High	Positive lessons learned about ways of working from lockdown. The findings and recommendations from the DSG review are now in a period of consultation with relevant stakeholders and the results of this consultation will inform the wider transformation agenda.	1. People are able to make positive choices and be independe nt. 2. People who need support get it.

 Children and Education
Review Group (Heads of Service from Education and Principal Leads in Stockport Family) chaired by the Director of Children's Services.
The Werneth and Brinnington Enhanced Integration Programme has been a testbed for the new model although further rollout has been impacted by Covid 19
A refresh of the Restorative Practice training has also been undertaken to support the workforce through cultural change, new ways of working and integration
Alongside, work on commissioning within the social care market will need to continue to address the growing costs that Children's Social Care is currently

			funding. • A forensic analysis of the high needs block of the dedicated schools grant has concluded with five overarching recommendations which are out for consultation until December 2020. The outcome of this consultation will inform the final report which will then go through further governance. This is a five year transformation programme with phased implement ation from September 2021 • Revised senior leadership structure has been developed	Current		
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				table below)		
Places Commissioning of school places in a challenging financial and legislative landscape, leading to an insufficient supply of school places across the Borough and significant deterioration of the condition of some school buildings.	 Demand exceeds number of available places in primary in specific pupil place planning areas, although not across the entire borough. The pressure hotspots are located in Marple and the Heatons. The borough currently has a significant pressure with a lack of available special school places across the entire borough. Increasing pressure on secondary school places particularly in the central area of the borough, with sufficient places overall but not in the right areas demographically. Parents are not allocated first preference schools. Overcrowding has an impact on quality of 	Caroline Simpson/ Michael Cullen/ Chris McLoughlin	 Liaise with colleagues to ensure accurate data analysis informs estimates to inform place planning. Write successful bids to provide capital support for school expansion programmes. Work with council partners to develop a borough wide strategy for planning and development of school places. Rebuild and expand Lisburne School Review of SEN services to deliver at reduced cost, or through a traded offer, with a clear remit to develop mainstream settings/schools' capacity to meet the needs of their SEND 	L3x I2 Medium (High for SEN)	Rebuilding Lisburne to accommodate more Primary SEND although there will be a future "bulge" in Secondary SEND places to be dealt with as the Council works through the proposal to deliver the new secondary SEND free school.	1. People are able to make positive choices and be independe nt. 2. People who need support get it.

	education provision.		population			
9b. Condition of School Estate	The quality of the school estate is deteriorating and there is a backlog of urgent condition repairs.	Caroline Simpson/ Chris McLoughlin (Charlotte Cordingley)	A reassessed programme of condition surveys across the entire school estate, followed by a phased programme of repairs being completed.	Medium	Bidding in future waves of DfE condition funding.	2. People who need support get it.
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Failure of safeguarding arrangements for children and vulnerable adults.	 Financial and reputational risk to the Council if vulnerable adults are not identified and supported, regardless of Care Act eligibility Reputational risk to the Council if safeguarding services are not Care Act compliant Reputational risk to the 	Mark Fitton/ Chris McLoughlin (Nuala O'Rourke/ Julia Newton)	 Review of effectiveness of Multi Agency Adults at Risk (MAARS) to be undertaken Work to assure Care Act compliance prioritised in 2018/19 Review of DOLS processes including increased capacity Safeguarding Children 	L2x I4 Medium	Restructuring in both Adults and Childrens services bring opportunities for better awareness and more effective engagement with vulnerable children, adults and their families.	2. People who need support get it.

	Council around DOLS and how the Council works with the Coroners Office • Financial risk to the Council if legal action is taken by families waiting for DOLS assessments to be authorised by local authority/supervisory body.		 and Adults Boards Integration of adults and children's safeguarding processes Multi-Agency Safeguarding and Support Hub (MASSH) and Stockport Family First Response Team 			
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11. Delivering growth Failure to deliver sustainable key strategic, regeneration and capital investment programmes.	 Failure or delay in key growth and highways programmes impacting on growth objectives and local economy, e.g. in reducing congestion, increased employment Short-term impact of major infrastructure and development projects, with roadworks, congestion and reduced 	Caroline Simpson/ Paul Richards	 Inclusive Growth programme Agreed deadlines are realistic and achievable. Regular updates provided by project leads. Strategic overview and challenge. Timeline for each 	L3x I3 Medium	Stockport Local Plan and Greater Manchester Spatial Framework in development. Stockport Exchange Ph3 and onwards. Creation of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation which has led to greater	3. Stockport benefits from a thriving economy 4. Stockport is a place people want to live

- parking affecting town centre.
- Insufficient funding and land supply impacting on ability to deliver new housing development.
- External market developments negatively impact income and benefit assumptions, both at commencement of a scheme but also at break points in leases.
- Progress on specific projects is not viewed strategically, impacting on ability of Growth and Reform programme to deliver on the scale and timing required.
- Projects not delivered within agreed timescales meaning that savings need to be found from other budgets or from reserves.
- Conflict or duplication between project outcomes.

- project controlled.
- Corporate Estates Strategy / Asset Management Plan.
- Regular progress meetings held, e.g. on TC co-ordination to ensure disruption is minimised.
- Proactive and independent advice/assurance that Internal Audit/Risk and external advisors provide to all key projects.
- Greater flexibility on planning including 'Brownfield First' approach to bring sites forward and Town Centre Living strategy.
- Establishment of local housing company (Viaduct Housing) to maximise available funding.
- Increased capacity for pre-application advice

investor interest in the town and has accelerated delivery.

Enhanced support from GM Combined Authority and Homes England for growth in Stockport town centre.

Strategic Business
Plan 2020-2025 for
the MDC now
approved by Council
and GMCA.
Business Plan will
be subject to regular
reviews to reflect
any current or
forecast impact of
COVID-19 on the
property market and
regeneration
ambitions for Town
Centre West.

	Impact of Covid 19 on the value of investments and viability of regeneration programmes, for example Mayoral Development Corporation strategic plan.		to improve quality of submissions and reduce delays. Close liaison with Members on applications and callins. Clear mechanisms in place to ensure the Council has adequate control and influence over the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Robust programme and project management around the Growth and Reform programme.			
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				below)		
12. Climate Emergency	 The Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019. Challenges measuring the impact of any plans and policies implemented by the Council. Affecting change within a limited resource envelope. 	Caroline Simpson (Mark Glynn)	 Member led Climate Emergency Task Group formed. All members have been offered Carbon Literacy training 120 Council staff have received Carbon Literacy training. Consultants commissioned to assist in developing an Action Plan for the Council towards a goal of becoming carbon neutral. The Council has launched its Stockport CAN (Climate Action Now) strategy with a new financial appraisal framework in place for ensuring that all investment decisions include impact upon 	L3x I2 Medium	Risk of insufficient funds to deliver CAN in timescales set out.	All

			carbon as a key factor.			
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13. Pandemic	The Covid-19 pandemic has had and will continue to have significant implications for the residents and economy of Stockport as well as the Council's day to day operations from February 2020 onwards with significant organisational disruption, new emergency responsibilities and incre ased staff absence from the traditional workplace replaced with staff delivering services whilst working from home.	Corporate Leadership Team	 In line with Central Government guidelines, Council staff have been working from home where possible. Whilst this has inevitably had an impact, new ways of working for these staff and their teams have swiftly been adopted and technology used to minimise the extent of this impact. Senior managers have reverted to service business continuity plans and this approach has been 	L4x I4 High	Second wave/ future resurgence of Coronavirus or a new pandemic pathogen. Failure to deliver effective services under "new normal" ways of working. Impact on service delivery as a result of the financial challenges raised by the 2020 pandemic (see Risk 2) and the	AII

•	Inevitable impact on
	corporate governance
	arrangements throughout
	the Council.
•	All other corporate risks
	will be impacted either
	due to delays on
	programmes diversion of

- All other corporate risks will be impacted either due to delays on programmes, diversion of resource, funding challenges or physical restrictions from distancing.
- Whilst the country, the Borough and the Council may be in recovery from the impact of the pandemic and lockdown, there may well be a second wave, or indeed separate pathogenic risk emerging.

pivotal in developing a stable working from home platform.

- Risk management arrangements have been considered around the working from home environment, the reliability and robustness of IT systems and technologies, health and safety issues, consideration of data and the security of data held in line with GDPR regulations and legislative requirements.
- Some services were suspended with staff redeployed to other areas including new areas of activity in response to the crisis
- A governance structure was put in place to ensure a cohesive boroughwide response to key Coronavirus

continued restrictions on movement and activity from various stages of lockdown.

Possible vaccine and the need to deploy

	related challenges with partner organisations • Group Leaders' Meetings have been taking place weekly and Group Leaders have been briefed in relation to all decisions required to be taken as have the Chairs of all relevant committees and Scrutiny committees to which decisions relate. • Remote member meetings from May 2020. • Equality impact assessments undertaken for all areas of service change • Public Health are developing a pandemic management plan for future outbreaks.	
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Residual risk scoring

Methodology	Combined score (Likelihood and Impact each rated 1-4)	Rating
Best practice is to score individual risks in terms of likelihood and impact of the risk materialising (each 1-4) and allocate a risk rating that combines the	1-4	Low
	6-9	Medium
	12-16	High
two.		