

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Report of the Director of Finance.

Part 1- Public

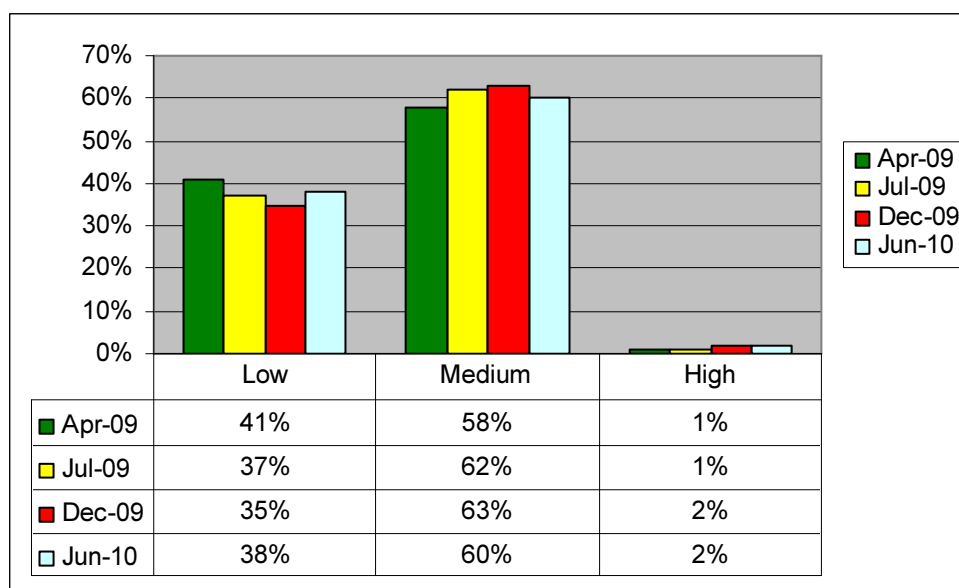
Matters for Information

1 REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL RISK REGISTERS – JUNE 2010

This report serves to update Members on the results of a review of the Council's Operational Risk Registers which was carried out in June 2010.

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Reviews are carried out on a 6 monthly basis and the objective of this and subsequent reviews is to ensure that management and Members are provided with information concerning the overall risk status of the Council.
- 1.1.2 Unfortunately, on this occasion, because of leave commitments it was not possible to report these findings to an earlier meeting of this Committee. However I am pleased to be able to confirm that responses to the December 2010 Review have been received in good time.
- 1.1.3 Members will note from the graph that the movement of risk between Low and Medium appears to have reversed albeit very slightly. The number of risks noted as being in the High category has increased from 9 to 11 and these are noted at **[Annex 1]** to this report.



1.1.4 The Treasury Management risk has reduced from a score of 20 which placed it in the High Risk category to a score of 12 which is a Medium Risk. Treasury Management does still represent a significant risk particularly in the current economic situation. However, enhanced monitoring and reporting procedures, improvements in the assessment of counter party credit and the duration of investments coupled with increased involvement of senior management in the investment decision making process has resulted in the overall risk categorisation being reduced.

1.1.5 Three risks new to the High Risk category are noted below and are also detailed within **[Annex1]** to this report.

- Financial Services – Internal Audit (Previously scored as 12)
- EHHS - Food and Safety (2 x New Risks)

2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

2.1.1 The existence of up to date, regularly reviewed Risk Registers will help to identify emerging significant risks and enable them to be managed at an early stage. The review process helps to reinforce the need for risk awareness within all Services.

2.2 Risk Assessment

2.2.1 The maintenance of up to date and valid Risk registers is seen as being an important feature of the Council's risk management process.

2.3 Equality Impact Assessment

2.3.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

2.4 Policy Considerations

2.4.1 Business Continuity/Resilience

Background papers:

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Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The identification and monitoring of risks affecting the operational capabilities of the Council will potentially have a positive impact on the community it serves.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.