

ANNUAL SENIOR INFORMATION RISK OWNER REPORT 2025-26

Item FRP 25/26 referred from Finance, Regeneration and Property Scrutiny Select Committee of 22 July 2025

(Reasons: Part 2 Private – LGA 1972 Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Finance or business affairs of any particular person)

The new Annual Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) report for 2024/25 provided a comprehensive overview of the key activities, achievements, and challenges faced by the council over the past year. Through the report, the SIRO aimed to keep Members informed and engaged, ensuring transparency and accountability in all the Council's information security endeavours.

The Annual SIRO Report for 2024/25, attached at Annex 1 to the report, highlighted the Council's dedication to delivering efficient services for all residents whilst maintaining an effective council. By analysing the Council's strategic initiatives, operational performance and financial health, the report supported informed decision-making and continuous improvement.

***RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) the annual report providing strategic oversight and assurance on organisational information risk and digital resilience be acknowledged;
- (2) the proposed investment in enhanced cybersecurity services be supported, and a procurement process be initiated accordingly;
- (3) the associated costs for incident response be covered using available grant funding; and
- (4) the ongoing operational costs for security monitoring be funded from existing reserves initially and incorporated into the core budget in future financial years.

***Recommended to Cabinet**