

## Agenda item 6

For decision - Approval of Risk Register 2025/26

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### Summary

We are required to actively manage risk. To help us do this we have a Risk Strategy (Constitution - Chapter 12) describing how we go about doing this and a Risk Register with control measures detailing risks we face and how we will manage them.

Every year Council has to review and approve the Strategy and the Register to be confident that it is managing risk competently. This report describes the risk management approach. The relevant documents are in appendices.

### Background

There is a responsibility on FTC to demonstrate best practice in all aspects of their governance and the assessment and management of risk is a key part of this.

Managing risk is something we do continually. The important thing is to identify risks and plan for how these risks can be mitigated but not necessarily removing the risk completely. For example, someone who is injured using the skate park is a risk we are very aware of. While we take various measures to help users skate safely, we do not remove the risk completely by closing the skatepark. In short, we manage the known risks.

[The Risk Strategy can be viewed on the website at Appendix 6.1](#), it is chapter 12 of the Council's constitution and describes our approach to managing risk. It has been reviewed and only one minor edit is proposed – page 9, remove 'Assistant' from Finance Officer title.

[The Risk Register can be viewed on the website at Appendix 6.2](#) and is a list that identifies and assesses all risks the Council faces from our reputation, the safe use of specific chemicals in cleaning, through public liability insurance cover and ensuring that Frome Town Council's events are safe. It includes control measures in place mitigate those risks, if possible. The Risk Register has been reviewed, assessed and risks numerically evaluated. We have separate risk assessments for events and specific tasks e.g. using a chainsaw.

### Consultation and feedback

- Consultation with all risk holders completed

### Links to Council Plan and Medium-Term Financial Plan

- This links to aim 5 to be a bold and effective council. Risks will be further reviewed in the context of developing a Medium-Term Financial Plan

### Financial and Risk Implications

- As set out above and in the [Risk Register at Appendix 6.2](#)

**Legal / HR Implications**

- These are set out in the [Risk Register at Appendix 6.2](#)

**Equalities Implications**

- The implications of the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty and relevant mitigations are set out in the Risk Register

**Community Safety Implications**

- As set out in the Risk Register

**Climate Change and Sustainability Implications**

- As set out in the Risk Register

**Health and Safety Implications**

- Various health and safety risks are assessed within the Risk Register

**Background Papers**

- None

**Report Sign-Off**

Peter Wheelhouse, Acting Town Clerk 19/03/26

**Recommendation**

Instruct the Chair to sign the 2025/26 Risk Register on behalf of the Council and approve the 2025/26 Risk Management Strategy.