

Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee

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Recommendation(s) for action or decision: **For Information Only**

Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee is recommended to:

- a. Note the key messages in the Strategic Risk Update
- b. Consider and note revisions, or planned revisions, to the Strategic Risk Register.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. Taken together, the Strategic Risk Update at appendix 1, the Strategic Risk Register (SRR) at appendix 2, and the Issues Log at appendix 3, provide the ARAC with visibility of the strategic risks currently faced by the WMCA and support its function in monitoring the operation of risk management at the WMCA.

2. Background

- 2.1 The SRR supports the identification and management of the risks faced by the organisation in achieving its organisational or strategic objectives. The SRR captures only those high-level risks which are of such significance as to require oversight by the Executive Board (Exec Brd). The Exec Brd monitors WMCA's risk environment on a regular basis to ensure key risks are captured on the SRR and measures are in place to effectively manage or mitigate their effects.

2.2 Risks

Following its review, the SRR now contains 20 risks, of which 12 are high risks, with four of these having the highest residual score of 25:

- *Failure to deliver the opportunities and benefits of the Investment Programme*

- *External factors*
- *Inflation & global supply chain pressures*
- *TfWM Programme Cost Management*

The eight other risks rated at High / Red are:

- *Financial resilience of WMCA to absorb fiscal shocks*
- *Information assurance & security*
- *Stakeholder & political relations*
- *Capacity and capability*
- *Post pandemic sustainability of public transport network*
- *Commerciality*
- *Investment Programme Delivery*
- *Cost of Living Crisis.*

3. Financial Implications

N/A

4. Legal Implications

N/A

5. Equalities Implications

N/A

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

N/A

7. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

N/A

8. Other Implications

N/A

9. Schedule of Background Papers

Appendix 1 Strategic Risk Update

Appendix 2 WMCA Strategic Risk Register

Appendix 3 WMCA Issues Log