

STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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Strategic Risk Register

Ayrshire Valuation Joint Boards Strategic Risk Register is underpinned by reference to 3 key risk themes – Supply & Resources, Protection and Governance & Legislation.

9 risks of strategic significance have been identified within these themes.

Risk Themes								
Governance and Legislation	Protection	Supply and Resources						
1. Decision Making	5. Public and Employee Protection	8. Financial Constraints						
2. Strategic Planning	6. Covid-19	9. Workforce - Planning and Productivity						
3. Integrity	7. ICT Resilience, Protection and Capability	10. Management of Assets						
4. External Change	The successful mitigation of these risks will support the delivery of AVJBs Corporate Plan.							
	Strategic Risk Management input is provided by Chief Officers and the Principal Admin and IT Development Officer. Owners are nominated for each risk to ensure clear accountability and responsibility in terms of their management. Detail is provided on risk mitigations – both current and proposed. Target dates are recorded in respect of the achievement of							

Risk 1	Theme – Govern	nance and Legislation	Title – Decision Makin	ıg Ma	naged by Elected Member	rs and Chief Officers
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score	Current Mit	tigations
Accountable Elected Members Responsible Chair of the Board, Depute Chair and Assessor & ERO	are taken on behalf of the Board which may contradict agreed Board Corporate Plan objectives or increase risk exposure to the	Lack of clarity on EM roles and responsibilities. Ambiguity around impact of decisions on outcomes within AVJBs Corporate Plan. Political culture which may support Member decisions taken in isolation or as a result of public pressure. Lack of consideration or scrutiny of 'Risk Implications' on Board Reports or lack of information therein. Poor general scrutiny negatively impacting on good decision making.	improvements forward. Difficulty in developing and delivering corporate objectives and priorities and maintaining stakeholder buyin.	1 2 3 4 5 Impact 4 x 2 = 8	1. Scheme of Delegation and Standing Orders in place and reviewed annually. 2. Regular Joint Board meetings; emergency meetings arranged when required; interim updates on significant items if required. 3. There are clear policies and procedures in place. 4. Level of interaction between Joint Board members and Chief Officers heightened as and when required. 5. Members supported to deliver good decision making and effective scrutiny through training / briefings to ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and deliverable in practice. 6. Training events held when required on the roles and responsibilities of AVJB by Chief Officers. 7. Assessor & EROs PDR on leadership takes place annually.	
Proposed Mitigat	ions (with dates)	Status	Progress Bar			
	AVJBs current Deli the Board has bee	~	100%			
extent to w	the 2020/21 assess hich the governand until September 20	~	100%			

Risk 2	Theme – Gove	rnance and Legislation	Title - Strategic Plannin	g Ma	naged by Offi	cers	
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score		Current Mit	igations
Accountable Corporate Governance Team Responsible Assessor & ERO Lead Officer Head of Valuation Services	There is a risk that AVJB fails to articulate strategic objectives, that financial and resource planning is not aligned to the Boards Plans and that decision making is based on other considerations e.g. political / public pressure.	Weakness in Corporate planning process. Failure to address key issues such as financial or workforce constraints.	Failure to deliver on Corporate Plans and achieve priority outcomes. Failure to meet statutory duties. Failure to meet expectations of partners/public/ service users. Reputational damage.	3 x 3 = 9	1. Performance Management Framework in place 2. Governance reporting annually to the Board with progress marked against objectives. 3. Regular meetings with the Treasurer of the Board and the Assessors & ERO. 4. Corporate Plan & Service Plan sets out strategic objectives, outcomes and supporting actions. 5. Corporate Governance Forum discusses Best Value and performance monthly. 6. CGF & MT – now considering next steps for BV and performance. 7. Review of the Board's asset to be undertaken in light of Covid- 19 and BV. 8. The direction set by the Corporate Plan for 2021-24 and will be reflected in a review and update of the Workforce Plan. 9. Assessor & ERO has the Boards authority to recruit within Agreed budget and Barclay additional funding.		
Proposed Mitigation	ns (with dates)					Status	Progress Bar
1. A schedule o		Strategic Objectives of the	Corporate Plan will take place ann	nually to the Boar	d, the next		60%
	2. Additional work required to ensure the Strategic Objectives are supported by the financial planning and reporting will be ongoing throughout the duration of the Corporate Plan.						
3. Consider the	closer alignment	of all strategic planning and	Key Performance Indicators com	mences during 2	021/22.		60%
		e Board's financial position September 2020 due to Co	and will make recommendations vovid-19)	which will be repo	orted to the	~	100%

Risk 3	Theme – Governance an	nd Legislation	Title - Integrity	Ma	anaged by Officers		
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score	Current Mi	itigations	
Accountable Corporate Governance Team Responsible Head of Valuation Services	There is a risk that the integrity of AVJB is breached through a range of failures such as Information Security, Cyber Crime, noncompliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Procurement Fraud, Contractual Failures, Vetting or Financial Irregularities.	Existing AVJB Policy or systems may be ineffective or inconsistently implemented. Lack of training or communication.	Reputational damage, financial loss, fines, prosecution, civil liability.	4 x 2 = 8	1. Current policies / training / encryption / firewalls, specifically mandatory online Data Protection training, robust processes for reporting and dealing with data breaches, including oversight by the Data Protection Officer. 2. Introduction of more robust processes to ensure that data subjects' rights are complied with, in particular Subject Access Requests. 3. Adherence to the Records Management Plan that has been agreed with the Keeper and is being implemented. 4. Standing Orders relating to Contracts and to Meetings, Scheme of Delegation, Financial Regulations, Procurement Policy. 5. AVJB Code of Conduct, range of HR / H&S policies, employee vetting processes. 6. Insurance Policy and National Fraud Initiative. 7. Internal Audit. 8. External Audit.		
1. The Cor	porate Governance Forum meets reg					Status	Progress Bar
	appropriate mitigations. The Forum is progress and ensure steps are being				risk register is maintained to		
 Regular reviews of the following takes place by the Board's lead authority and these are updated for the Joint Board use: Scheme of Delegation, (September 2021 - completed), Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (March 2018 - completed) and Financial Regulations – (December 2018). Further reviews will take place as required or every three years. Next reviews: SoD/2024; Standing Orders/2021/Financial Regs/2021. 							33%

Risk 4	Theme – Gover	nance and Legislation	Title - External Cha	ange Mana	ged by Officers				
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score	Cur	Current Mitigations			
Accountable Corporate Governance Team Responsible Assessor & ERO Lead Officer Head of Valuation Services	There is a risk that external factors outwith the Board's control may adversely impact on ability to fulfil objectives and deliver services.	Factors imposed upon the Assessor & ERO and or the Board such as legislative change, government policy change, implications of Brexit, political change nationally or locally. Adverse incidents or Civil Emergencies. External Contractors not delivering.	Requirement to reallocate resources, failure to deliver services to an acceptable level or drive desired improvements. Restrictions on budget, reputational damage. As above.	1 2 3 4 5 Impact 4 x 3 = 12	to funding arrange 2. Dissemination of CIPFA, through the 3. Ability of Officers potential scenarios organisation if they options the politica 4. Boards Reserve 5. Business Contin 6. Backups taken of 7. Paper and PDF taken prior to elect 8. Review print arrange	1. Watching brief on national picture with regard to funding arrangements. 2. Dissemination of information from CoSLA / CIPFA, through the SAA. 3. Ability of Officers to understand or determine potential scenarios, the impact of these on the organisation if they were to occur and which options the political leaders have around these. 4. Boards Reserves. 5. Business Continuity Plan. 6. Backups taken of EMS. 7. Paper and PDF versions of the register etc taken prior to election. 8. Review print arrangements whereby we have backup in the event of failure of external print			
Proposed Mitigations (with dates)				Statu	us F	Progress Bar		
wider implication small due to staf	ns of Brexit and prov	and the Scottish Assessors vide recommendations for following the services we provide. For for fating appeals.	urther mitigations, althoເ	ugh the implications o	n AVJB are		80%		
2. Engage with gov	vernment through th	e SAA and the RICS to mit	igate the risks of the rev	riew of NDR. (on-going	g) 🕟		80%		
3. Report potential	funding gaps to the	Treasurer and Board mem	nbers. (Jan each year, pr	rior to budget setting)			80%		

Risk 5	Theme – Protection		Title - Public / Employee	Protection	Manage	d by Officers
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Current Mitigations		
Accountable Corporate Governance Team Responsible Assessor & ERO Lead Officer Head of Valuation Services	There is a risk that the Board fails to provide statutory health and safety measures to employees and service users.	Budget constraints. Ambiguity around roles and responsibilities or inconsistent application of policy. Lack of training.	Accident, incident, injury or ill health to employee's /service users. Prosecution and Civil litigation. Financial impact of claims, increased insurance premiums or fines. Damage to Boards reputation.	5 x 2 = 10	2.H&S Forum cur Audits and Fire R 3.The PDR proce training requireme employees. (cross 4. Access to SA Lives (HWL) Gold annually since 20	ss identifies key H&S ents for all Board
Proposed Mitigations	(with dates)				Status	Progress Bar
1. Review and re	fresh health and safety polic	cies, procedures and sta	andards. (2021; annually or as requi	red).		90%
 Management team will review and action, based on risk priority, compliance and/or property related issues raised through Fire Risk Assessments, Health and Safety Audits and Property Inspections. (on-going). 						70%
3. HOVS to monitor and update outstanding H&S actions. (on-going).						70%
	ency of Fire Risk Assessme I line with Scottish Fire & Re		ramme being developed to include ants.	annual and 2		10%

Risk 6	Theme – Protection		Title - Covid-19	Managed I	y Officers	
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score	Cui	rent Mitigations
Accountable oint Board Responsible Assessor & ERO Read Officer Head of Valuation Rervices	There is a risk that the Board fails to provide statutory health and safety measures to employees and service users. The Assessor & ERO fails to deliver on statutory duties. Budget constraints. Ambiguity around roles and responsibilities or inconsistent application of policy. Lack of training.		Ill health to employee's /service users. Prosecution and Civil litigation. Financial impact of claims, increased insurance premiums or fines. Damage to Boards reputation.	1 2 3 4 5 Impact 5 x 2 = 10	1.New Risk Assessments in place 2. New Policies, Procedures and Guidance Notes in place. 3. H&S Forum currently undertake H&S Audits and Risk Assessments. 4. Access to SACs Covid-19 guidance etc. 5. All PPE purchased and available to staff and service users. 6. Offices closed to the public until it is safe to re-open. 7. PPE equipment review on-going. 8. Home working up and running. 9. Only tasks that cannot be completed from home are carried out within the office.	
roposed Mitigation	,				Status	Progress Bar
1. Review and	efresh health and safety polic	eies, procedures and sta	andards. (as required).		~	100%
 Management team will review and action, based on risk priority, compliance and/or property related issues raised through, Health and Safety Audits; Property Inspections and any issues raised by staff. 						100%
3. HOVS to mo	nitor and update outstanding l	H&S actions. (on-going)).			75%
4. Increase fred	uency of review of Covid-19 F	D.	65%			

Risk 7	Theme - Resource	es	Risk - ICT Resil	ience, Protecti	on and Capability	Managed by Of	ficers
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score		Current Mitigations	
Accountable Corporate Corporate Governance Team Responsible Assessor & ERO and Head of Finance and ICT – Tim Baulk Lead Officer Principal Admin Officer and SAC ICT Operations Manager Kevin Mullen	There is a risk that major or widespread ICT failure will adversely affect delivery of the Board's services. ICT failure risks include noncompliance, failure of business systems, cyber-attack, and failure of ICT equipment.	Failure to plan corporately in a robust and consistent manner. Some Service Business Continuity Plans lack effective arrangements for ICT loss. Cyber intrusion. Outdated / obsolete equipment and systems.	Inability to provide key services and recover quickly. Reputational damage, financial loss, litigation.	4 x 2 = 8	1. Resilient infrastructure in place with dual data centres, duplicated network communication paths, internet links, and server hardware 2. External contracts established with service providers for technical support and expertise across critical technologies. 3. Existing Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) in place for critical systems. 4. A bespoke ICT Risk Register in place, which is subject to review as part of standard operating practice. 5. SAC Integrity Group meets regularly to consider cyber security issues and develop further mitigations as required. 6. SAC compliance standards established as part of technology and process governance framework 7. SAC Cyber Resilience Business Continuity arrangements tested in November 2018.		
Proposed Mitigation	ons (with dates)					Status	Progress Bar
Continuity F	 Progress is being made on the review and update of the ICT Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) and ICT Business Continuity Plan (BCP) to ensure response for loss of all key ICT Business Systems and Infrastructure is considered and mitigated. (March 2021) 						60%
 Regular programme of internal and external ICT Health checks scheduled, including and PSN Security reviews. These are carried out by the Boards lead authority as they supply our IT services. (March 2022) 							25%
	include arrangements for and Resilience Team. (of ICT failure – pro	gress supporte	d separately by		75%
	Management function bei acement plan is in place						90%

Risk 8	Theme - Resource	ces	Title - Financial C	Constraints	Managed by Officers		
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score	Current N	litigations	
Accountable Corporate Governance Team Responsible Treasurer to the Board, Head of Finance and ICT - SAC	expected levels of	UK and Scottish Government reductions in funding over a number of years. Resulting in a reduction of funding for AVJB.	Failure to deliver key services or meet change in service demands.	1 2 3 4 5 strapet 3 x 4 = 12	 Annual 2020/21 budget prepared The level of Board reserves is sufterm, however, a more prudent apprterm. At the Joint Board meeting the EleBoards financial position. Maintain pressure on the Scottish settlements which reflect the additional bring through participation in the SA. Through the SAA meet with other the Cabinet Office to ensure approped. The Board's Workforce Plan will be develop the financial strategy. A three Year Financial Strategy however, this excludes any Barclay time. 	fficient and sust roach may be ected Member a Government nal work the roach A and interact EROs and corriate funding for the reviewed are as been appro	stainable in the short required in the longer as are updated on the to agree Barclay eview of NDR will cion with CoSLA. In projects. In a will be used to eved by the Board,
Proposed Mitigation	ons (with dates)					Status	Progress Bar
Longer term budget planning. (March 2022)						✓	100%
2. Continue to develop the recently introduced EMS to provide additional functionality and cost savings.							85%
3. Monitor	the canvass procedu	re in 2021 to esta	ablish the 'real' cost	of the new canva	as.		25%

Risk 9	Theme – Resou	rces	Title - Workforce Pla	nning and Product	ivity N	lanaged by	o Officers	
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score		Currer	nt Mitigations	
Lead Officer	between the Board's existing workforce and the workforce that is required to deliver	Insufficient or inadequate management of attendance. Failure to identify and analyse workforce data. Poor reputation of	The available workforce is inadequate to deliver the Boards objectives. Services not being delivered effectively. High turnover and absence level. Loss of experience and organisational knowledge. Insufficient data and evidence to plan for future workforce requirements. Shortage of critical skills. Inability to recruit to key roles. Lack of workforce flexibility and mobility. Low productivity. High workforce costs. Reliance on specialist or external organisations and contractors. Disengaged workforce.	3 x 3 = 9	2. Policies an 3. Joint consuplace and ope 4. Annual em actions and a 5. Recruitment experience and employer of c 6. Comprehe Board and ma 7. Availability development resources. 8. Developme 9. Empowerm structure to s 10. Succession	PDR arrangements within AVJB. Policies and Procedures in place and applied. Joint consultative arrangements with trade unions in ace and operating effectively, usually through SAC. Annual employee engagement survey with ongoing ctions and activities in response to survey results. Recruitment arrangements which improve applicants' (operience and enhances the Board's image as an imployer of choice. Comprehensive workforce planning reports for the part and managers. Availability of a blended suite of training and evelopment materials, including extensive on-line sources. Development of the Boards Workforce Strategy. Empowerment of the Assessor & ERO to change the ructure to suit requirements of the service. D. Succession planning for areas where demographics now a potential loss of experience.		
Proposed Mitigation	ons (with dates)					Status	Progress Bar	
1. Further dev	elopment of the Bo		25%					
AVJB Training Group strengthened and given time and resources to develop and make available further training opportunities.							80%	
3. Developme	nt of corporate Vision		80%					
4. Further dev Board	elop and follow up	arrangements with the E	mployee Engagement Surve	ey. (Annually) and re	eported to the	~	100%	

Risk 10	Theme - Resource	es	Title - Management of As	ssets	Manag	ed by Office	ers
Ownership	Potential Risk Cause		Potential Effect Risk Score		Current Mitigations		
Accountable Corporate Governance Team Responsible Assessor & ERO Lead Officer Head of Valuation Services	There is a risk that the Board's property is unsuitable for the delivery of Board's strategic objectives in light of budget constraints and best value.	,	Failure to deliver Office Rationalisation Project. Adverse incidents and compliance failure. Increasing ongoing costs to ensure property is fit for purpose. Failure to meet environmental targets. Damage to Board's reputation.	3 x 2 = 6	Modernisation & Transformation project in place and aligned to Corporate Plan and Financial Strategy. Established programme of testing for Legionella, Asbestos, Fixed Electrical and Portable Appliances. Condition Surveys. Review of the Boards office requirements in light of expansion of home working.		
Proposed Mitigation	ons (with dates)			1	,	Status	Progress Bar
Continue to review the sustainability of the Board's assets and consider alternatives then report outcome to Board.						25%	
2. Continue to monitor market conditions and be prepared to react if the opportunity to maximise the Board's surplus assets materialise.						80%	

Guidance - Recording Risks - How to?

Risk No. x Theme – Resources / Protection / Governance Title - xxxxx Managed by Elected Members / Officers						
Ownership	Potential Risk	Cause	Potential Effect	Risk Score	Current	Mitigations
Who is accountable and responsible for managing the risk	wrong? caused this risk? adverse effects?		3 x 3 = 9	What is already in place to manage the risk?		
	S	A	M	P	L	E
Proposed Mitigations (with dates)	Status	Progress Bar			
1. What is planned to mitigate the risk further? (and when it is due to be completed) <enter date=""></enter>					>	Increased from?

A status icon (Figure 3) is displayed along with a calculation from Risk Owners on percentage completion of the mitigating actions.

This information is closely scrutinised by Corporate Governance Team and Elected Members at Board Meetings and this assists in determining decisions on reducing or increasing risk ratings utilising the matrix at Figure 1.

New risk identification is considered against a broad range of risk types and some of these are represented at Figure 2.

Risk types are cross-cutting and not considered in isolation

Fig 1 Risk Themes						
Governance and Legislation		Pro	Protection		Supply and Resources	
Risk Rating						
Impact		X	Li	Likelihood		
1	Minor		1	Unli	kely	
2	Moderate		2	Pos	sible	
3 Major			3	Like	ly	
4	I Critical		4	Very	/ Likely	
5	Catastrophic		5	Almost Certain		

Fig 2 Types
Competitive
Stakeholders
Economic
Environmental
Financial
Health and Safety
Legal/Regulatory
Managerial/Professional
Partnership/Contractual
Physical
Technological

Fig 3 Status				
<	Completed			
	On Target			
	Not on target – some concerns			
	Not on target – major concerns			
	Not yet started			