Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority Strategy and Resources Committee 24 January 2008

# **Corporate Risk Management Summary**

## Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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# 1 Purpose of Report

This is the latest of the regular Risk Summary Reports to the Strategy and Resources Committee. As previously, these reports are intended to enable Members to meet the requirements of this Committee's Terms of Reference as they relate to the Fire Authority's management of corporate risk. The progress reported relates to that achieved since the last Summary Report, considered by this committee at its meeting in October 2007.

## 2 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

# 3 Background

Members will be aware that this Committee's Terms of Reference include that it will 'ensure that the financial management of the Fire Authority is adequate and effective and includes a sound system of internal control and arrangements for the management of risk'.

In order for the Committee to meet these responsibilities it is necessary for it to receive regular Risk Summary Reports. These reports provide Members with information relating to the progress made with the Fire Authority's corporate risk management processes during the period from September to December 2007.



# 4 Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Reporting Exemptions

The public of Shropshire have a right to know that their Fire and Rescue Authority is taking appropriate measures to deal with risks, which could potentially impact on its ability to deliver an effective emergency service. The Authority is, however, exposed to certain risks, which, if disclosed to the public, could in itself present a risk. For this reason, certain information has been excluded from this 'open session' report as exempt information, following an assessment against the requirements of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. This exempt information has been included in a separate 'closed session' report.

This 'open session' report includes all information about sensitive risks that is not likely to compromise the Authority, for example Risk ID, risk assessment results and Risk Owner and only the sensitive information has been exempted, for example Risk Description and any control measures included.

This approach ensures that the public have access to as much information as possible about the risk environment, in which the Fire Authority operates, whilst at the same time limiting any damage that could be caused through its inappropriate use.

# 5 Risk Management Progress

This section includes information about any significant risk management events that have occurred since the last report. Events of particular note that have led to the current status with the Fire Authority's Corporate Risk Management system include:

### September 2007

The Risk Manager and the Member Champion for Audit and Risk Management) attended the Association of Local Authority Risk Managers' (ALARM) annual fire conference in Thame, Oxfordshire.

The Authority's Risk Management policies and procedures were audited by the Audit Commission as part of the 'Use of Resources' assessment.

The Risk Manager attended a conference, which introduced British Standard 25999: Part 2. This Standard provides an auditable specification for Business Continuity Management.

The Audit and Performance Management Committee received a progress report on the implementation of the Statement on Internal Control (SIC) Improvement Plan 2007/08.



#### October 2007

This committee received the last Risk Management Summary Report.

Internal Audit undertook a thorough review of the Authority's Risk Management procedures.

The Risk Manager and the Partnership Assessment Group Co-ordinator attended a seminar in Dudley, looking at Comprehensive Area Assessment and its relationship with Risk Management.

#### November 2007

The Risk Manager attended a seminar introducing the requirements of Annual Governance Statements (AGS) in Birmingham. The requirement to produce an AGS will replace the requirement to produce a Statement on Internal Control, in June of this year.

### December 2007

The Corporate Services Manager, Treasurer and Risk Manager attended an Insurance Review meeting with representatives from the Authority's Insurance Broker and main Insurer.

The Service's two-day Strategic Planning Workshop was attended by all senior and middle managers, and included the annual risk assessment against the Authority's strategic aims and objectives.

The Partnership Assessment Group met to discuss the Service's current partnerships.

### 6 New Risks

There have been four new threats and no additional opportunities added to the Corporate Risk Register since the last report. Summary details about each of these new risks are included in the table on the following pages.



Table 1 - Summary Details for all New 'Threats' in the Fire Authority's Corporate Risk Register

Opportunity or Threat	ID	Risk Description	Raised By	Risk Owner	Pre- Risk Result	Action Required	Control Owner	Post- Risk Result
Threat	71	If the paper records held by the Fire Safety department were damaged or destroyed by a catastrophic event, then the Service would not be able to fulfill its fire safety enforcement role as effectively.	Paul Raymond	Paul Raymond	6	, ,		3
Threat	70	If Equality and Diversity is not fully mainstreamed and integrated into all Authority activities, there will be adverse impact on financial, ethical and service delivery issues.	Member Champion for Audit and Risk	Alan Taylor	9	1. Ensure all appropriate legislative schemes are in place (April 2007) and monitored (ongoing).  2. Maintain all Brigade Orders relating to E&D (ongoing)  3. Work with all departments to develop a prioritised plan for EQIA's (Dec 2008)  4. Ensure all departments implement their EQIA Plans (as detailed in the plans)  5. Develop a plan to meet the requirements of the Government's E&D Strategy (Dec 2008)  6. Implement the E&D Strategy Plan according to the agreed timetable.  7. In collaboration with the Training Department, develop a Brigade wide E&D Training Programme based on a Training Needs Analysis (Dec 2008).  8. Implement the E&D Training Programme (during 2009)	Lisa Vickers	2

Opportunity or Threat	ID	Risk Description	Raised By	Risk Owner	Pre- Risk Result	Action Required	Control Owner	Post- Risk Result
Threat		If the Authority does not take full account of the implications of Comprehensive Area Assessment and the new local government performance management framework, then its reputation as a strong performing Authority could be impacted.	Member Champion for Audit and Risk	Alan Taylor	TBD	Undergoing initial review	Steve Worrall	TBD
Threat	68	If the Brigade does not have policies and procedures, relating to water rescue incidents, that effectively balance the risks to staff versus the risk to the public, then the Fire Authority could be subject to prosecution under health and safety law or a significant loss in reputation.	Policy Group	Paul Raymond		Full review of current water safety/rescue provision with fully costed risk assessed solutions/recommendations - to be started in April 2008 (following release of National Guidance).	Martin Timmis	2

# 7 Closed Risks

Three risks have been closed since the last report. Details about these risks are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2 - Summary Details for the Risks 'Closed' since the Last Report to the Committee

ID	Risk Description	Opportunity or Threat	Risk Owner	Date closed	Reason for closure
	If the two confidential databases used by CFS ('Contact Point' - previously Information Sharing Assessment partnership - and the Fire Setters database) are not subject to effective controls, then there is a risk that people may be able to gain, and make improper use of, confidential information.	Threat	Mike Ablitt		All control measures in place for the T&W ISA.  No further review required.  If SCC chooses to provide a similar facility in the future, we will review that risk independently.  Risk is now closed
59	Until the Regional Fire Control Local Authority Company is set up and has its own insurance arranged, the Authority's insurance cannot indemnify its representative on that company and would therefore have to indemnify any claims from its own reserves. The contribution the Authority will have to make to the insurance is also currently unknown.	Threat	Paul Raymond		Insurance for Directors now in place through Sandwell Borough Council. Risk no longer exists and therefore can be closed
61	National proposals to change from the Long Service Increments payment system to a Continuous Professional Development payment system could have a significant financial impact on the Authority.	Threat	Alan Taylor		Now shown to be containable within the 2007/08 Pay and Prices Contingency. Risk closed.

# 8 Current Entries in the Corporate Risk Register

This section provides an overall summary of all entries in the Fire Authority's electronic Corporate Risk Register. Table 3 below includes previous, as well as current, figures for comparative purposes.

Table 3
Summary of All Entries Contained in the Authority's Electronic Corporate Risk Register

Descriptor	Number	Data from previous report
Total number of entries	44	Previous figure 40 This will increase over time. The rate at which it increases will demonstrate how active the Risk Management process is.
Total number of threats	40	Previous figure 36 Comment as above
Total number of opportunities	4	Previous figure 4 Comment as above
Total number of closed entries	14	Previous figure 11 Comment as above
Number of 'live' threats	26	Previous figure 25 Whilst we do not want to discourage risk reporting, we would want this to remain within a manageable number. Identifying the optimum number of manageable risks to have in the risk register will come through experience to be gained over the coming years.
Average risk level of all currently 'live' threats	4.7	Previous figure 4.7 This is on a scale where 1 is minimal risk, through to 9, which is maximum risk.  Members should note that this does not include either of the risks currently undergoing their initial reviews.
Number of 'live' opportunities	4	Previous figure 4 We would be looking for this figure to increase, but again not to the extent that it becomes unmanageable. Inclusion of opportunities in the risk register is an area that is under development within both this and other fire authorities' risk registers. The importance and usefulness of this side of risk management is expected to increase as the Fire Authority's risk management process matures.
Average level of opportunity	4.25	Previous figure 4.25 Scale of 1 to 9 We would tend to want this figure to grow.

# 9 Graphical Representation of the Corporate Risk Register

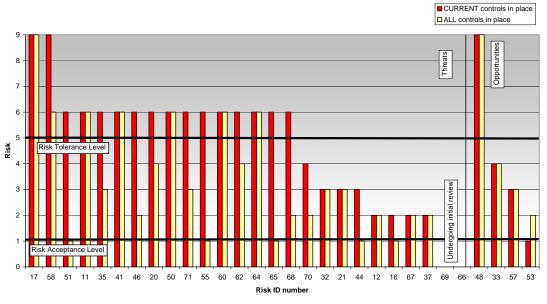
This section aims to provide Members with an overall impression of the level and type of risk environment, in which the Fire Authority is currently operating.

Graph 1 shows the impact that the risk control measures, currently in place, are having on each of the individual threats and opportunities that are currently 'live' in the risk register. Members should note that this graph has been modified from previous versions. Previously the graph compared the current risk level for each risk with the level that would exist, if **no** control measures were in place. This served to demonstrate the positive impact risk management was having on the risk environment.

This new version of the graph now compares the **current** level of risk with the **target** level of risk considered to be achievable, if all control measures were fully implemented. As such, this graph now provides Members with an indication of how much more work those controlling the risks think they have to do to get the risk down to its lowest practicable level.

Members should note that, whilst the aim of risk control for 'threats' is to reduce the level of risk, the purpose of risk control for 'opportunities' is actually to increase the likelihood and/or benefit to be gained.

Detailed information about each of the threats and opportunities, shown in Graph 1, is provided in the Appendix to this report.

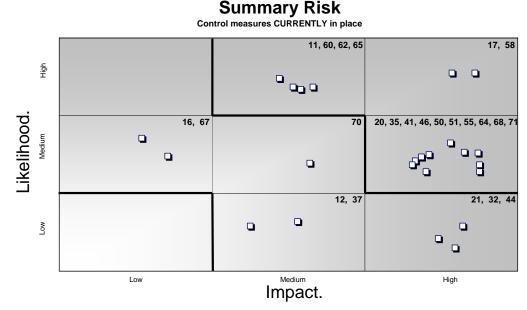


Graph 1
Risk Levels for all 'Live' Threats and Opportunities in the Corporate Risk Register

Graph 2 maps all of the **threats** against their corresponding likelihood and impact ratings, based on the level of control **currently** in place. Graph 2 does not include the four 'Opportunities' or the two 'Threats' currently undergoing

their initial reviews. It, therefore, represents a true picture of the **known** risk that currently exists in the Fire Authority.

The numbers in the upper right corner of each section of the graph are the Risk Identification numbers for the risks that sit in that particular portion of the graph. These numbers correlate to the Risk ID numbers given in the detailed risk summary table included as the Appendix to this report.

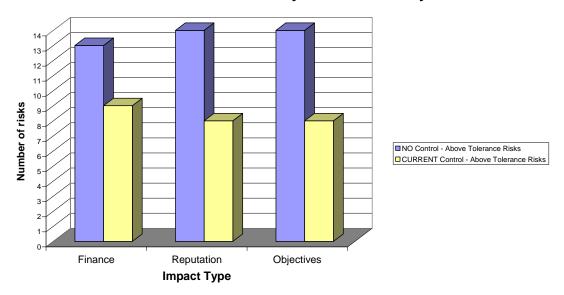


Graph 2
Overall Risk Levels with Current Levels of Control in Place

# 10 Overall Summary

Whilst Graphs 1 and 2 show that there are 16 risks that are currently assessed as being above the Fire Authority's 'Tolerance Level', they do not demonstrate which of the three impact assessments (financial, reputation or service objectives) is at greatest risk. Indeed, some of these risks could have a potentially significant impact on more than one of these areas. Graph 3 attempts to demonstrate this by showing how many risks are above the 'Tolerance Level', assuming firstly (in the blue column) that we had no risk controls in place and secondly (in the yellow column) that we have the current level of risk controls in place. Each of the three separate areas of impact, i.e. finance, reputation and objectives, is depicted in the graph.

### 'Intolerable' risks faced by the Fire Authority



Graph 3

Number of 'Intolerable' Risks to which the Fire Authority is Currently Exposed,
as Assessed against Each Risk Impact Type

The graph suggests that, if the risks currently in the Risk Register actually were to materialise, they are likely to impact on finance, reputation and service objectives fairly equally. It also shows that the control measures currently in place are slightly more effective at managing down the risk to reputation and service objectives, than they are for any financial impact.

The most significant risks currently facing the Fire Authority continue to be Risks 17 and 58. Details about these particular risks, including how they are being dealt with, are given on the following pages.

### Figure 1 – Details about Risk 17

Risk ID: 17

Risk Description: If the Retained Firefighters "Working Time"

court case goes against Fire Authorities, then there is potential for this Authority to have to pay significant sums of money out in court costs, and backdated pension contributions.

**Risk Owner:** Alan Taylor (Chief Fire Officer)

**Control Owner:** Keith Dixon (Treasurer)

### Risk Score based upon:

a. NO Controls in place:b. ALL Controls in place:c. CURRENT Controls in place:

#### Actions taken to date:

Employers Circular 02/05 - The initial court case went against the firefighters. They appealed against the decision, and again the decision was upheld. They then appealed to the House of Lords. This was believed to take 12 to 18 months from release of the circular, which would put the proximity of the risk somewhere in the first half of 2006.

Employers Circular 02/06 (March 2006) stated that the appeal to the House of Lords had gone against the Fire Authorities. The case must now go back to the Employment Tribunal for a decision on outcomes. The Employers side of the National Joint Council is considering the potential impact on individual Fire Authorities and will then provide more guidance. In view of the results from the appeal to the Lords, in March 2006, the risk assessment was reviewed and the "likelihood" was increased from Medium to High. This resulted in the risk going from a rating of "6" up to a rating of "9", thereby becoming one of the Fire Authority's most significant risks.

A new Employers Circular was issued in March 2007. It reported the outcome of the Employment Tribunal, which met that month to consider the issues referred back by the House of Lords decision. The Employment Tribunal allowed both parties to submit further evidence and will call a further hearing in November 2007. This will result in further delay with no decision expected until early 2008. In the meantime the risk is quantified and included as part of the general balance and is updated regularly for inflation.

The Human Resources Director continues to keep abreast of any progress made with the Employment Tribunal, keeping Policy Group and the Fire Authority informed of progress and outcome.

It is assumed that the costs likely to be incurred by most Fire Authorities, if the Tribunal case goes with the retained firefighters, will be too large for any Authority to budget for. It is, therefore, assumed that this national issue will attract Government intervention in some way.

### Figure 2 - Details about Risk 58

Risk ID: 58

Risk Description: The Government's Comprehensive Spending

Review 2007 presents the Fire Authority with a lot of uncertainty about its future funding.

Risk Owner: Alan Taylor (Chief Fire Officer)

Control Owner: Keith Dixon (Treasurer)

### Risk Score based upon:

a. NO Controls in place:b. ALL Controls in place:c. CURRENT Controls in place:9

### Actions taken to date:

Actions to be taken are:

- Raising awareness and lobbying
- Exposure in Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)
- Lobbying and representation ahead of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and Grant Settlement

Our ability to reduce the potential likelihood and impact this threat could have on the Service has been limited to making some assessment of the potential consequences of various 'optimistic' and 'pessimistic' predictions. We have also delayed any decisions that may be overtaken by events. The vehicle for doing this planning has been the MTFP, with the Members' Budget Working Group working with officers to ensure the Authority is as prepared as possible for any eventuality.

The Government is now in the process of consulting on the draft settlement figures, which it released in December. Assuming there was no variation in these draft figures, as a result of the outcomes from the consultation process, the actual figure is likely to be more than the planned 'optimistic' settlement rather than the 'pessimistic' settlement. If there is 'no change', this threat will be closed after the formal announcement is made. However, if the final settlement figure is lower than currently expected there may be a need to put into practice the planning arrangements already made.

# 11 Legal Comment

There is no legislative duty for the Fire Authority to assess the risks, which its business objectives face. Corporate Risk Management does, however, form a fundamental element of good corporate governance.

The Fire Authority has the power to act as proposed in this report. Care will need to be taken to ensure that the provisions of Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972 are correctly applied.

# 12 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have determined that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore, been completed.

# 13 Appendix

Detailed information on all current entries in the Corporate Risk Register

# 14 Background Papers

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Report 16 – Corporate Risk Management Summary

Report 19 – Corporate Risk Management Summary – Exempted Information

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

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Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management	
		Planning	
Business Continuity Planning	*	Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	*
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	
Information Communications and		West Midlands Regional	
Technology		Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection /		Initial Equality Impact Assessment	*
Environmental Information			

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# Detailed Information on All Current Entries in the Corporate Risk Register (in order of 'Current Risk' Level)

Threat or Opportunity	Risk ID	Description	Risk Owner	Control Owner	Risk with NO Controls	Risk with ALL Controls	Current Risk	Links to other risks	Review Status
Threat	17	If the Retained Firefighters "Working Time" court case goes against Fire Authorities, then there is potential for the Authority to have to pay significant sums of money out in court costs, and backdated pension contributions (Emp Circular 20/2005).	Alan Taylor	Keith Dixon	9	O	9	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	58	The Government's Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 presents the Fire Authority with a lot of uncertainty about its future funding.	Alan Taylor	Keith Dixon	9	6	9	None	Out for REVIEW
Threat	51	If the Brigade's data quality systems lack the appropriate quality processes and controls, then the Brigade's funding and its allocation of resources against stated objectives may be compromised.	Alan Taylor	Ged Edwards	9	1	6	21, 16, 26, 44, 48	Out for REVIEW
Threat	11	If the County suffers a harsh winter, then there is a chance that the Service will not be able to deliver an appropriate level of service to the people of Shropshire.	Paul Raymond	Martin Timmis	9	6	6	20	Out for REVIEW
Threat	35	Information exempt from publication by virtue of the Local Governments Act 1972, Schedule 12A, paragraph 4.	Alan Taylor	Paul Raymond	6	3	6	12, 23, 36	Review COMPLETED



Threat or Opportunity	Risk ID	Description	Risk Owner	Control Owner	Risk with NO Controls	Risk with ALL Controls	Current Risk	Links to other risks	Review Status
Threat	41	The current push by government for centralised purchasing of Fire Service products and services (FireControl and FireBuy etc) could impact on the commercial viability of the Authority's current contracts.	Alan Taylor	Andrew Kelcey	9	6	6	30, 32, 47	Review COMPLETED
Threat	46	By undertaking a cultural audit, staff expectations will be raised and the identification of significant issues could result in a large increase in work load for the service and a reduction in morale, if expectations are not managed/met.	Louise McKenzie	Lisa Vickers	6	2	6	None	Out for REVIEW
Threat	20	If the organisation is not able to use its buildings, its people and/or its other resources due to a disaster scenario, then it is unlikely to be able to deliver essential services to the communities of Shropshire (not including strike action).	Alan Taylor	Andy Johnson	6	4	6	35, 11	Out for REVIEW
Threat	50	Lack of understanding of the proposed Manslaughter Bill and its implications, could render the Authority more likely to be prosecuted in the event of an onduty death of an employee.	Alan Taylor	Sharon Lloyd	6	6	6	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	71	If the paper records held by the Fire Safety department were damaged or destroyed by a catastrophic event, then the Service would not be able to fulfill its fire safety enforcement role as effectively.	Paul Raymond	Mike Ablitt	6	3	6	None	Review COMPLETED

Threat or Opportunity	Risk ID	Description	Risk Owner	Control Owner	Risk with NO Controls	Risk with ALL Controls	Current Risk	Links to other risks	Review Status
Threat	55	The Service is going through a period of change in the way it manages and records all of the onstation training activities. If the methods used to manage this process are not sufficiently robust, then there is a risk that the organisation may be subject to prosecution under health and safety legislation.	Paul Raymond	Jon Wagstaff	9	1	6	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	60	Organisation structural changes to the council in Shropshire, as a result of the recent Local Government White Paper, could present potential threats to the way the Fire Authority achieves its strategic objectives, depending on the shape and structure any new Unitary Authority.	Alan Taylor	Paul Raymond	6	6	6	57	Review COMPLETED
Threat	62	The electrical system at Shrewsbury will be shut off to enable full testing of the circuits. This could cause faults to occur in the various communications and IT systems within headquarters, which may also have an impact on operational effectiveness.	Steve Worrall	Glyn Williams	6	4	6	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	64	If the implications of the Government's proposals for the Long Term Capability Management of all 'New Dimensions' assets (as described in FSC 26/2007) are not fully considered, then there is a risk that the Authority's budgets may be detrimentally impacted into the future.	Alan Taylor	Paul Raymond	6	6	6	33	Review COMPLETED

Threat or Opportunity	Risk ID	Description	Risk Owner	Control Owner	Risk with NO Controls	Risk with ALL Controls	Current Risk	Links to other risks	Review Status
Threat	65	If the implications of the various ICT projects, currently ongoing in the Brigade, are not coordinated, then there is a risk that the individual projects will not be implemented effectively.	Steve Worrall	Ged Edwards	6	1	6	None	Out for REVIEW
Threat	68	If the Brigade does not have policies and procedures, relating to water rescue incidents, that effectively balance the risks to staff versus the risk to the public, then the Fire Authority could be subject to prosecution under health and safety law or a significant loss in reputation.	Paul Raymond	Martin Timmis	9	2	6	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	70	If Equality and Diversity is not fully mainstreamed and integrated into all Authority activities, there will be adverse impact on financial, ethical and service delivery issues.	Alan Taylor	Lisa Vickers	9	2	4	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	32	If the financial costs of the new Regional Controls is not known, then the Authority will not be able to make appropriate budget plans, which could impair our ability to meet the Authority's stated priorities.	Alan Taylor	Keith Dixon	6	3	3	26, 30, 47, 59	Review COMPLETED
Threat	21	If the Authority does not meet all financial regulations, then it may be subject to fraudulent activity, unnecessary or illegal (ultra-vires) expenditure.	Alan Taylor	Keith Dixon	9	3	3	None	Review COMPLETED

Threat or Opportunity	Risk ID	Description	Risk Owner	Control Owner	Risk with NO Controls	Risk with ALL Controls	Current Risk	Links to other risks	Review Status
Threat	44	There are risks inherent in the Fire Authority working in partnership with other agencies/groups. If these are not properly controlled, they could potentially impact on the financial standing and reputation of the Fire Authority.	Alan Taylor	Paul Raymond	6	1	3	30, 32, 41	Review COMPLETED
Threat	12	If neighbouring brigades suffer industrial action, then the support from those brigades during large incidents in our county is likely to be reduced, thereby impacting on our ability to deal with incidents effectively.	Paul Raymond	Martin Timmis	2	2	2	35, 36	Out for REVIEW
Threat	16	If the Brigade does not have appropriate procedures in place to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act, then it may be subject to penalties.	Steve Worrall	Helen Jones	6	1	2	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	67	The limited experience the Service currently has in prosecuting offenders under the Regulatory Reform Order increases the likelihood that a court action could be lost and costs have to be borne by the Authority.	Paul Raymond	Mike Ablitt	3	2	2	None	Review COMPLETED
Threat	37	If the organisation does not make adequate succession planning arrangements, then, when key staff leave the organisation, there may be an impact on our ability to deliver our services.	Alan Taylor	Louise McKenzie	4	2	2	None	Review COMPLETED

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Threat	69	If the Authority does not take full account of the implications of Comprehensive Area Assessment and the new local government performance management framework, then its reputation as a strong performing Authority could be impacted.	Alan Taylor	Steve Worrall	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Undergoing INITIAL Review
Threat	66	If the FireLink/FireControl projects are not effectively managed they may have a significant impact on current and future service delivery. Risks relate to effective management of costs, resources and functionality, prior to, during and post-implementation. Amalgamation of risks ID. 26, 32 and 47	Alan Taylor	Paul Raymond	TBD	TBD	TBD	26, 32, 47	Undergoing INITIAL Review
Opportunity	48	If the Authority does not monitor its budgets closely, then it could miss the opportunity to reinvest identified under-spends where this occurs in its various budgets, or take action to deal with any loss of service that may have occurred.	Alan Taylor	Joanne Coadey	3	9	9	None	Review COMPLETED
Opportunity	33	If the Authority is not clear as to the rules that apply to Government's specific funding, then it could miss the opportunity to seek additional funding for the activities it is required to undertake in order to meet the Government's Modernisation Agenda and local priorities.	Alan Taylor	Keith Dixon	4	4	4	64	Review COMPLETED

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Opportunity	57	Organisation structural changes to the council in Shropshire, as a result of the recent Local Government White Paper, could present potential opportunities to the way the Fire Authority achieves its strategic objectives, depending on the shape and structure any new Unitary Authority.	Alan Taylor	Paul Raymond	3	3	3	60	Review COMPLETED
Opportunity	53	The national FireBuy project, looking into the possibility of setting up a Mutual Insurance Company for Fire Authorities, may present this Authority with the chance to reduce its insurance premiums. However, there are attendant risks in this approach that need to be explored.	Alan Taylor	Sharon Lloyd	1	2	1	None	Review COMPLETED