

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE – 20 October 2005**

**OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

**REPORT BY ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report presents and update on the work of the Operational Risk Management Group

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the the Audit Sub-committee notes the contents of this report.

**2. INTRODUCTION**

The revised Council strategy for Risk Management was agreed at the Strategic Policy Committee of 28 October 2003 (report 1234/03 refers). As part of the revised strategy both a Strategic and Operational Risk Management Group (SRMG & ORMG) were established, taking over the role of the previous Corporate Risk Management Group and remitted to further develop embedded risk management as part of the overall governance arrangements. This report provides an update on the work plans of the Operational Group.

**3 AREAS OF WORK**

One of the major roles of the ORMG is to take forward initiatives with the objective of reducing risk and/or controlling both insurable and non-insurable losses in the area under review. Topics for review can be identified from a number of sources including insurance claims information, current trends in wider market claims, areas of specific concern on an operational basis and matters remitted from the SRMG.

Four main areas of review have been identified:-

1. Management of Occupational Road Risks which has a primary objective of ensuring the Council has robust policies and procedures to ensure staff vehicles are considered in the same terms of safety as other places of work
2. Business Continuity – Provision of Emergency Accommodation, the main objective of which is to develop a framework procedure and guidance for the provision of temporary accommodation in the event of a major loss incident
3. Review of Lone Worker arrangements to prepare guidelines to support risk assessments and provide advice on best practice
4. Events Management, an extension of a previous review to provide safety and risk assessment guidance to stakeholders and others who wish to hold events with the Council area

All of the above projects have commenced and will be taken forward within the context of a review framework agreed by the group. Final reports will be considered by the SRMG and the Chief Officers Management Team. Summary reports on the final outcomes will be placed before this sub-committee in terms of their extended remit to consider the outcomes of the embedded risk management process (R1232/04 to the Audit Sub Committee of 26 October 2004 refers).

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

#### **8. CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive and Director of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Sections 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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