

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, 15 November 2023

Matters Arising

Executive summary and recommendations

Attached is an actions list as agreed at the last public meeting of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC).

20 September 2023		
1	<p>Item 7. Strategic Risk Register (report ref: ARAC 31/23)</p> <p>7.2 The Committee noted that in the current risk influencers section of SR5, the Partners employment status should be revised to reflect its current position as a risk. The Executive agreed to review the description and also to ensure it was reflected in the accounts as a contingent liability.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>The potential historical costs arising from the NMC partners case are recognised in the statutory accounts now being finalised as a contingent liability.</p>
2	<p>Item 7. Strategic Risk Register (report ref: ARAC 31/23)</p> <p>7.3 The Committee highlighted the passage to move towards the target risk level was not clear enough in SR5 and the planned mitigations should include more detail. The Executive noted the main mitigation was in securing the fee increase and agreed to review the detail and transparency of the mitigations.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>This will be included in ELTs review of the SRR on 7 November 2023</p>
3	<p>Item 9. Risk Appetite review 2023 (report ref: ARAC 33/23)</p> <p>9.2 In response to comments the Executive agreed to consider the phrasing of what could be considered conflicting sentences under the Influence and Leadership category and to make the statement less passive. In particular where it was stated, 'offering potentially higher business rewards' and 'to bring additional scrutiny'.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>Completed: description for this risk type updated. Approved at Council.</p>

4	<p>Item 9. Risk Appetite review 2023 (report ref: ARAC 33/23)</p> <p>9.3 In response to a question, the Executive noted that the risk profile for Regulation was set to 'measured' as this would allow for improvements more readily than if the profile was set at minimum risk. Anything that was a requirement in the HCPC legislation or by the PSA Standards would be covered by Compliance. The Executive agreed to be clearer in the descriptions relating to Registrations and the Register to prevent misunderstanding and to consider stating that it was essential that public protection was maintained at all times and not open to risk.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>Completed: Risk appetite paper revised and information clarified ahead of Council discussion. Risk appetite approved by Council</p>
5	<p>Item 11. Reserves policy review (report ref: ARAC 36/23)</p> <p>11.5 The Committee discussed a revised timeline for approving the new Reserves policy and agreed that the Executive should wait until the fee rise was through and budgeting for next year was further along, so that timelines might be more definite. The policy should be presented again to the Committee prior to going to Council for approval and it should incorporate the mitigations and actions in the appendices, and be accompanied by the modelled scenarios. The Executive agreed and noted they were comfortable with the revised timeline, for the reasons discussed.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>In hand for future meeting.</p>

Decision

The Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

Please refer to individual papers and minutes for the background to decisions.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

None

Date of paper

8 November 2023