

Risk		Need for political consensus to reach significant decisions										
Likelihood	5						Risk Owners	Hill, David	Current Score	16	Last Review	13/09/2013
	4						Target Score	4 x 3	Next Review	12/12/2013		
	3						Previous Score	16				
		Triggers	Likelihood Factors (Vulnerability)		Potential Consequences							
		Confrontational approach: "Call-ins" etc. Delays in key decisions being taken Possible need to adjust to new political balance after the 2014 elections	Political processes make it difficult to respond promptly to service and organisation needs Approaching 'all out' elections will increase the weight given to short term electoral considerations		No clear consistent vision for the Council Decisions affected by short term political considerations Reputational risk (local & inspectorate) Difficult but necessary decisions delayed or not taken Managers need to spend a significant proportion of their time managing relationships with and between Members							

Actions/Controls Already In Place	Adequacy	Critical Success	Required Management Action/Control	Responsibility	Target Date
MKC Constitution and Processes including Agenda, Full Cabinet and Cabinet procedures	Reasonable	Council procedures facilitate effective scrutiny & challenge without impeding necessary decision taking	Review options for change in governance arrangements	Hill, David	03/10/2013
			Refresh of Corporate Plan (Review Group set up)	Snelson, Geoff	03/10/2013
Ongoing dialogue between Chief Executive and Group Leaders and between CD's and Lead Members	Good	Mutual awareness of service issues/political sensitivities			
Overview and Scrutiny process	Reasonable	Effective use of Select Committees to identify issues and options and effective response to issues raised by Select Committee and Audit Constructive challenge from Select Committee and Audit Committee			
Officer Reports Call-over	Good	Quality of Reports. Reports are fit for purpose, comply with Governance requirements and take account of prior Members input (Lead Member O&S and Ward Member)			
Emphasise local serviced based rationale for key decisions	Good	Focus on benefits of/implications for local people			
Promote informal dialogue between groups	Reasonable	Open and honest dialogue. Ability to respect differing positions			

Training for Report authors	Reasonable	Quality of Reports. Reports are clear and succinct
Political consensus behind main themes/priorities of the Corporate Plan 2012-16	Good	Broad agreement on key issues facing the Council
Consider timing of 'sensitive' reports/decisions	Good	Avoid unnecessary politicking

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