

Agenda Item:

Report to: Audit Committee

Date: 21 March 2006

Report from: Chief Auditor

Title of report: **Summary Risk Report**

Purpose of report: To inform the committee of the results of the Control and Risk Self-Assessment (CRSA) of:

- Theatre
- Sports Development

Recommendations: That the committee notes the report

**Control and Risk Self-Assessment:
Leisure & Culture Directorate - Theatre and Sports Development.**

Background

As part of the implementation of the risk management framework introduced in October 2003, two assessments were made for Leisure and Culture Directorate, these brought together all service areas. Reorganisation in 2004 placed responsibility for some of these services in the Environment and Safety Directorate.

The relevant Service Manager has now reviewed risk assessments for the Theatre and Sports Development Services using the standard risk survey form to identify risks, state the measures (controls) in place to mitigate the risk to an acceptable level, and then score potential impact and probability of occurrence of the residual risk.

Precise comparison of the following services with earlier assessments is not possible however it is worth noting that the 2003 joint assessments indicated risk was in the Medium category. The average score for the two following assessments places them in the Low Risk category. Management are in the process of reviewing risk for the remaining services of Passport to Leisure, Arts Development, Play and the Leisure Management contract, these will be finalised shortly. The new set of assessments will provide a more useful baseline against which to measure control and improvement.

Audit Conclusion A: Good – Steps have been taken to identify key risks and mitigate them to an acceptable level

Key Findings

The key risks to the two services assessed and the controls to manage these services were identified as:

Theatre:

The current risk assessment for the service and the controls to manage them place the service in the Low Risk category. The most significant risk was identified as being failure to provide effective management of the facilities and programme.

Testing found that risk has been minimised by transfer of the operation to the private sector. Regular contact with the operator's representatives is maintained and the authority monitors performance. Probability of occurrence is considered to be low.

Sports Development:

No significant risks to the service were identified. The service is at the lower end of the Low Risk category.

Appendices and background documents:

None (Detailed reports are not issued for risk reports)

Policy implications

Please tick if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities & Community Cohesiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic / Financial implications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights Act	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organisational Consequences	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any ticked areas should be referred to in the text of the report under the heading "policy implications"

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