Audit and Assurance Committee



Date: 7 December 2012

Item 11: Risk Management Update

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the Strategic Risk Register (SRR) and the mitigation around minimising the impact of potential risks.

2 Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is asked to note this paper.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Chief Financial Officer is required to provide an annual report outlining TfL's strategic risk.
- 3.2 The Strategic Risk Register identifies TfL's key strategic risks and mitigations to minimise the potential impact to the business.

4 Recent Developments

- 4.1 At the start of this year, TfL began a programme of change to establish both common principles and a comprehensive reporting framework for the strategic risk management process. Once complete, this initiative will deliver a single, consistent methodology which will enable more effective identification, management and reporting of all strategic and significant risks across the business.
- 4.2 Strategic risk is reported in each of the Business Areas within TfL using the same assessment criteria of four impact categories: cost, time, customer service and reputation. These risks are evaluated and reported 'qualitatively'. This paper presents the SRR and quantifies risks.
- 4.3 The SRR has been developed in conjunction with Senior Business Area Risk Managers and Group Business Planning & Performance by analysing the strategic risks within each of the business areas across TfL. The risks have been through a risk assessment and scored using the Corporate Risk Scoring scheme.
- 4.4 The SRR will be presented quarterly to the Finance Leadership Team and the operational boards for review in line with the quarterly forecast process.

5 Risk Register

- 5.1 At the end of quarter 2, the risks on the register were assessed. The 'Current' score is based on an assessment of the current risk, including mitigations in progress. The 'Target' reflects the maximum possible impact that can be achieved if all the mitigations identified are completed.
- 5.2 The revised pan-TfL Strategic Risk Register is included in the related paper on part 2 of the agenda.

6 Risk Management Oversight

- 6.1 The Assurance Delivery Group, chaired by General Counsel, continues to oversee risk arrangements within TfL on behalf of the Leadership Team.
- 6.2 Corporate risk professionals are embedded in all business areas to support delivery of risk management initiatives.

List of appendices of this report:

None.

List of Background papers:

None.

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1. Maintaining a long term stra	ategic, bala	anced Plan within the constraints of available resources.	Owner: Steve Allen		
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL undertakes a Business Plan each year, prioritising spend to ensure a long term strategic balanced plan. There is a risk in		Use the quarterly forecast and review process to ensure the business plan remains balanced over the long term and take corrective action if necessary.	Ongoing		
escurces that available esources may not cover all equired activities. This may be lue to:		Periodic budget monitoring to review progress against secondary revenue target to act as an early warning indicator. Quarterly reviews held in line with the normal accounting cycle to monitor progress against targets.	Ongoing		
revenue reductions secondary revenue shortfall market conditions that limit		Maintain minimum cash balance via daily checks on TfL's cash position by the Treasury team in the event market conditions prevent borrowing.	Ongoing		
the financial viability of property development opportunities over station	M	Annual review of the expected outturn of property proceeds is undertaken at the end of each year.	Ongoing	M	
assets (Crossrail) material shortfall in delivering the savings and		Effective scrutiny and challenge to savings delivery through greater analysis and challenge via existing BAU periodic reviews and reporting processes.	Ongoing		
efficiencies programme disruption to financial markets impacting TfL's ability to borrow		Monitor market conditions through daily checks (Bloomberg) and review of periodic reports issued by Banks on the current conditions to act as an early warning indicator.	Ongoing		
Counterparty insolvency.		Increase the prospective development proceeds for sites by exploring additional commercial opportunities where applicable. Ensure TfL has some flexibility with regards to sites offered on the market, thereby optimising the Over Station Development returns in the future.	Fallback		

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2. Ability to re-prioritise short	term deliv	rerables in response to external factors.	Owner: Ste	eve Allen	
TfL is required to respond to external factors from various	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
bodies. This may mean that TfL has to reprioritise its short term operational challenges and		TfL undertakes demand forecasting, service planning and reliability, a business planning and budgeting process and an investment approval process.	Ongoing		
requirements effectively. This risk is focused on the immediate two year time frame and the impact is that TfL needs	М	Leverage capability in Commercial Finance team to provide professional advice on projects, commercial agreements, areas of new business development and to analyse/structure TfL's involvement in mayoral priorities.	Ongoing	м	
to be able to successfully deliver an integrated, cost effective transport solution, maintain service delivery pledges and successfully deliver Mayoral priorities.		Align projects and activities capital investment portfolio with Mayoral Transport Strategy (MTS) and TfL corporate strategic objectives via the transport outcomes and the wider benefits they enable.	In progress		

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3. Pension Fund		Owner: Tricia Riley			
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL recognises the importance of providing good pension benefits to members. There is a		Ensure that TfL has a well diversified investment strategy across all portfolios to minimise risk.	Ongoing		
risk of a potential future TfL Pension Fund deficit. This may be due to adverse or unmatched movements, a collapse in investment markets		Agreement and review of a prudent funding target with TfL Pension Fund Trustees to ensure that adequate contributions maintain the sustainability of the fund.	Ongoing		
and/or the non achievement of expected performance as a result of inappropriate actuarial assumptions (inaccurate member data or inaccurate asset information used by the Actuary for valuation).	М	Regular monitoring of the funding position and communication with the Trustees/Actuary regarding employer contributions.	Ongoing	L	

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4. Delivery of capital investme	ent portfoli	o and contract management	Owner: Mike Brown/ Leon Daniels		
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL needs to ensure efficient and effective project and contract management to enable		Corporate Gateway Reviews and Approvals process to inform cost effective delivery of capital investment portfolio	Ongoing		
it to meet its milestones. This will ensure that projects are delivered on time, within budget and are fit for purpose.		Directorate led reviews of capital projects and programmes	Ongoing		
	M	Consultation with IIPAG on benchmarking to; demonstrate organisational competence in delivering the capital investment programme, demonstrate an efficient and cost effective approach to whole life asset management following PAS 55 accreditation.	Ongoing	L	
		Delivery of programme management capability programme - a strategy to develop maturity across TfL.	In progress		
		Develop single, consistent framework across TfL to support delivery of capital investment portfolio - project controls effectiveness, process clarification and project management systems.	In progress		

Our Customers and Users					
5. Disruption to quality of serv	/ice		Owner: Mik Leon Dani		
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL aims to deliver the best quality service to its customers. There is a risk of disruption to quality of service due to: • implementing complex,		The Transformation Plan is a key work stream that will ensure the implementation of the operational upgrade. This includes governance arrangements, programme monitoring, reliability forecasting, staff training and improved incident response	In progress		
major asset renewal and replacement programmes that are interrelated on an operational rail, bus operations, roads network		Delivery of the Access Improvement plan to review and improve the processes, structure and organisations involved in the planning and management of access. This includes creation of a single, accountable access delivery organisation for London Underground.	In progress		
 frequent closures of lines or major stations changes to operational procedures and resource 	M	Additional investment in Reliability programme to target the worst performing areas across TfL.	In progress	M	
requirements after completion of asset upgrades. These create the potential to		Design and implement network resilience models, plans and workshops to help embed changes to procedure.	In progress		
disrupt customer service due to, possible asset/ systems failure on implementation and further knock-on effects.		Mitigate effects through diversion of resources to support travelling public. Redistribute Network Operations resources on targeted areas of the Bus and Roads network to minimise the worst effects of disruption	Fallback		

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6. Terrorism			Owner: Mi Leon Dan		
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL provides a mass public transport system for London. There is a risk of domestic or international terrorism which may cause casualties, disrupt operational service, damage		Major incident prevention and response planning, pre-employment screening and critical infrastructure resilience.	Ongoing		
	М	Awareness training, CCTV, physical security measures, and internal resilience groups.	Ongoing	L	
assets and possibly create fear in the travelling public.		Terrorism Insurance Cover to assist with cost of repairs to damaged TfL assets.	Ongoing		
		Intelligence and liaison with police and security service.	Ongoing		

Our Customers and Users					
7. Major events			Owner: Mi Leon Dan	ke Brown/ iels	
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TfL provides the mass public transportation system for		Revision of timetables and possible service enhancements.	Ongoing		
London. This includes providing services for irregular major events such as Royal and sporting occasions. When	L	Contingency Planning with event organisers, police and other emergency services.	In progress	VL	
increased demand is required, and to ensure its good reputation, TfL must be able to successfully deliver enhanced transportation arrangements.		Close collaboration within TfL, with other transport providers and wider stakeholders.	In progress	VL	

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8. Managing external stakeholder interests		Owner: Vernon Everett			
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL has to adequately manage and respond to public criticisms from informed and knowledgeable leaders. These criticisms may influence stakeholders and could impact on the perception of the organisation which may influence the availability of funding and support.		Continue to build relationships with key stakeholders and maintain a capable stakeholder communications team.	Ongoing	M	
	М	Manage Mayor's questions and produce periodic performance reports.	Ongoing		
		Consultation with IIPAG on benchmarking to; demonstrate organisational competence in delivering the capital investment programme, demonstrate an efficient and cost effective approach to whole life asset management following PAS 55 accreditation	Ongoing		

Our Customers and Users					
9. Major Incident External			Owner: Mi	ke Strzeleck	i
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend
TfL is dedicated to the safety of the travelling public. There may be a risk of a possible incident leading to wide spread service disruption, asset damage and injuries and/or fatalities. This could be due to a natural disaster or safety risk. The knock-on impact would be disruption and adverse impact on TfL's safety reputation.	М	Development of, and adherence to, Company Management System and TfL Standards	Ongoing		
		Monitoring, audit and review of safety performance and safety management.	Ongoing		
		Communication with Environment Agency and Met Office for early warnings of significant weather effects/potential flooding.	Ongoing	М	
		Training programme to up skill managers and enable up to date risk assessments of operational assets (ST specific)	In Progress		

Our Customers and Users							
10. Major incident - Internal Systems			Owner: Vernon Everitt				
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend		
There is a risk the fare collection system may fail temporarily and result in loss of revenue. This may also result in financial loss and damage to the integrity and confidence of the fare collection system.		Develop and maintain Business Continuity plans to ensure speedy recovery and business resilience.	Ongoing	- L			
	L	Ensure continuous monitoring and action via the Oyster Control Centre.	Ongoing				

Our People						
11. Industrial Relations (IR)			Owner: Mike Brown/Leon Daniels			
	Current	Mitigating Actions	Status	Target	Trend	
TfL works in collaboration with Trade Unions (TUs). This ensures that issues are dealt with before they result in potential strikes or other work disruption. These issues may include the introduction of new technology and its perceived threat to job security, reorganisations, perceived threats to employment and employment conditions, implementation of TfL common policies and safety concerns. This could lead to a possible reduction in TfL's service and impact on TfL's reputation.	Н	Maintain strong links with external organisations to monitor relevant industry trends and developments impacting IR and build effective working relationships with TUs	Ongoing	M		
		Embed LU Employee Relations Strategic Plan and adopt a tactical approach to dispute management taking into account the unique circumstances and our strategic principles	Ongoing			
		Regular reports from Bus Operators on status of relationship with Trade Unions, ballots and pay negotiations.	Ongoing			