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ELDCO 1	Budget	Risk around the long term balancing of the budget and constraints	DCX Corporate Development and S151	Medium Term Financial Strategy; Budgetary process; Sound level of reserves; Continued close monitoring; Where there is likely to be a high degree of variability, sensitivity analysis will be used in Committee and Cabinet reports, and also as part of our financial analysis process. Continued lobbying regarding the IDB pressure. Savings and Efficiency Plan developed to support the MTF5	3	4	High (12)	Tolerate	Continued controls, monitoring and reporting	N/A	3	4	High (12)
ELDCO 3	Local economy	Risk to local businesses, lack of growth, lack of inward investment and tourism; opportunity to encourage growth and stimulate the local economy	Dir: ED	Town Deal and Levelling Up projects; Emergency Planning Team represented on County Wide LRF Group looking at issues of winter pressures / cost of living and industrial action.	3	3	Medium (9)	Tolerate	Continue to implement the Growth and Prosperity Plan	N/A	3	3	Medium (9)
ELDCO 4	Lincshire flood defence	Risk due to the uncertainty of the future Lincshire flood defence scheme	AD: Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	The Council is an active member of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum and Lincolnshire Flood and Drainage Management Strategy Board. The Council will continue to work with partners, local MPs and the government to identify a solution to the future funding needs of the Lincshire scheme. The Council is also undertaking a number of activities including its Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to support and inform the Local Plan moving forward. Equally, the Council is part of a number of groups, including a collaborative approach with the Environment Agency (EA), to seek to identify the challenges and opportunities for the coast in the future. EA presentation to the Planning Policy Committee in October 2024.	2	5	High (10)	Tolerate	Continued partnership working	N/A	2	5	High (10)
ELDCO 5	Business continuity	Risk around business continuity and recovery in the event of a major incident or event	AD: Regulatory	The establishment of the S&ELCP has increased the resilience and capability of the 3 partner councils. Resources, procedures and policies are being joined up making our response to and recovery from an incident more efficient and effective. A strategic group meets regularly, including representation from PSPS, with minutes and actions reported to LT Governance for awareness. There is a Strategic and Tactical Duty Rota staffed by trained personnel from across the S&ELCP to assist in an emergency response and support our partners in the sub region. All three councils are members of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, enabling access to expertise held by LCC whilst retaining staff, resources and expertise in each sovereign council within an EP&BC structure across the Partnership. Staff within the Councils are involved in exercises delivered by the LRF and coordinated at County level to test preparedness. We have a single Emergency Plan for the Partnership and each critical function a single Business Continuity Plan to ensure service delivery can be prioritised and maintained during incidents. Public Sector Partnership Services (PSPS) and Magna Vitae have Business Continuity Plans in place.	3	3	Medium (9)	Tolerate	Continued partnership working with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF). Business Continuity Plans for critical services will be tested with a cyber attack exercise scenario in Q4 24.25 with learning being incorporated into future plans.	N/A	3	3	Medium (9)

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ELDCO 6	Health and Safety	Risk of failure to comply with Health and Safety requirements	AD: Regulatory	<p>The establishment of the S&amp;ELCP has increased the resilience and capability of the 3 partner councils. Resources can be more easily shared across the sub-region and procedures and policies are being harmonised, with assistance from PSPS, to provide a more efficient and effective approach towards H&amp;S compliance.</p> <p>The partner Councils receive specialist Health and Safety advice from Public Sector Partnership Services who support the Partnership Health and Safety Governance Group (chaired by the Assistant Director – Regulatory) and each sovereign council Staff Health and Safety Forum. Both operate under agreed terms of reference and feed into the LT – Governance. LT Governance receive minutes and recommendations for approval from the Governance Group and the staff Forums. Policies and procedures are revised by PSPS, consulted upon through Staff H&amp;S forums before being received and approved by the Governance Group and referred to LT Governance for information.</p> <p>Health and Safety is included within Internal Audit’s annual audit plan.</p>	2	3	Medium (6)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring and reporting through Staff H&S Forums, Partnership H&S Governance Group and LT Governance. Internal audits and Groups provide the opportunity to share learning across each entity	N/A	2	3	Medium (6)
ELDCO 7	Local Plan being considered out of date	The Local Plan (2018) seeks to support proposals which assist in the delivery of economic prosperity and jobs in East Lindsey across the Plan period. Risk relates to failure to deliver an updated version of the local plan.	AD: Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Monitoring of the Plan policies. Taking of decision on planning applications. Review of the Local Plan where necessary.	3	2	Medium (6)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring and reporting	N/A	3	2	Medium (6)
ELDCO 8	Safeguarding	Risk of failure to deliver safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults responsibilities	AD: Wellbeing & Community Leadership	<p>Lead Officer and Deputies identified, with the Portfolio Holder for Communities overseeing this area. The Safeguarding Policy and Procedures have been reviewed. The lead officer liaises regularly with other District Councils and external agencies. Team leaders identify relevant actions and staff training in their service plans. Human Resources supports safer recruitment (including DBS checks) and training for officers, volunteers and councillors. An incident reporting mechanism is in place to monitor the Council's responses.</p> <p>Wellbeing Lincs Service has provided a countywide response and support service for vulnerable and clinically vulnerable residents. Safeguarding was a key focus of a report to LCC during the Covid response. The District Councils and County Council continue to meet to collaborate and discuss matters around safeguarding policy and procedures.</p>	2	4	Medium (8)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring, reporting and training	N/A	2	4	Medium (8)
ELDCO 9	Information	Risk of failure to comply with Information Governance and Management requirements	AD: Governance and Monitoring Officer	All employees receive annual online training in data protection. Arrangements are in place to ensure that the organisation is compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirement, including lead staff attending training. PSPS also have a lead officer overseeing compliance. An experienced Data Protection Officer is in place who monitors training, compliance and development of policy; also, full assessment of any breaches, providing recommendations for continual improvement. There is now additional resilience with two qualified DPOs in place across the Partnership which allows for cover.	2	4	Medium (8)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring, reporting and training	N/A	2	4	Medium (8)

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ELDC10	Treasury and capital	Risk around attainment of revenue through Treasury Management policies and commercially driven capital expenditure	DCX Corporate Development and S151	<p>A long term strategy is in place, supported by strong internal awareness and governance and external professional advice. The Council's Investment Policy and Strategy are kept under constant review with regular updates to Management Team, Portfolio Holder and Executive Board. Audit and Governance Committee receives regular updates and the annual report is presented to Full Council.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to be fully appreciative of changes and risks through training and seminars.</p>	2	4	Medium (8)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring and reporting	N/A	2	4	Medium (8)
ELDC11	Third Party Service Delivery	Risk around resilience and quality of service delivery arrangements with third parties	AD: Corporate	<p>Assessment of business plans for key partnerships. Regular performance reports and monitoring meetings with third parties. Some key partnerships based on open book approach to financial monitoring. Regular contract meetings in place to manage risk. SELCP approach to some contracts provides resilience.</p>	3	3	Medium (9)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring and reporting	N/A	3	3	Medium (9)
ELDC12	Technology Infrastructure failure	The loss of ICT impacting upon the organisation to operate effectively and deliver services to residents.	AD: Corporate	<p>The Council has a series of resilience arrangements in place through its service provider, PSPS. Work is continuous to ensure these are fit for purpose across a range of areas.</p> <p>As part of business continuity planning, services are considering in detail how they would continue to operate should an ICT outage occur</p>	2	5	High (10)	Tolerate	Regular review of resilience arrangements	N/A	2	5	High (10)
ELDC13	Cyber Incident	The risk of the council's ICT infrastructure being severely impact as the result of a cyber incident, both in terms of downtime of systems and loss of data/information.	AD: Corporate	<p>Defence in depth in the form of firewalls, Mimecast and antivirus is deployed both at the perimeter and the internal Local Area Network. The ICT team play an active part in the East Midlands WARP (Warning, Advice and Reporting Point) which allow us to have early sight of issues being experienced across neighbouring Authorities and Agencies. ICT is also a member of the CISP formed by the National Cyber Security Centre, this allows us early awareness from the central agency responsible for cyber threats across the UK as well as allowing them to monitor our environment to a degree. These mitigations afford ICT awareness of emerging threats. These mitigations afford ICT awareness of emerging threats. We are about to commission an external validation of our cyber response plan for ICT. We have also recently enabled and implemented further cyber security controls within Mimecast which will ensure further mitigation in this area is in place.</p>	3	5	High (15)	Tolerate	Continued robust cyber security and training	N/A	3	5	High (15)
ELDC14	Capital Programme	Failure to deliver Major capital schemes within the capital programme	DCX Programme Delivery	<p>Robust programme and project management</p> <p>Regular and structured reporting mechanisms</p> <p>Robust and effective governance (financial and project)</p> <p>Effective working with partners and 3rd Party delivery</p> <p>Risk transference and mitigation</p> <p>Requesting extra funding prior to project commencement where required</p>	2	3	Medium (6)	Tolerate	Continued robust project management	N/A	2	3	Medium (6)
ELDC15	General Fund Assets	This risk identifies the need for the council to adhere to all prevailing statutory codes as they relate to	AD: Assets	<p>All assets either have compliance contracts in place or local contractors with the jobs in hand. Database updated and restructure in place, with clear roles and responsibilities. Training takes place on a required basis.</p>	1	4	Low (4)	Tolerate	Continued implementation of asset management strategy	N/A	1	4	Low (4)

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ELDC17	Implementation of the Environment Act 2021	This new legislation will have an impact on the way that waste services are delivered, and will require operational changes. Changing service delivery will require financial	AD: Neighbourhoods	The Lincolnshire authorities comprising the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership are working together to identify the impact of the Environment Act across the county. When the statutory guidance is provided by Defra, clear proposals will be drawn up for this authority.	4	4	High (16)	Treat	Pending Government guidance	Need action date	3	3	Medium (9)
ELDC18	Introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility	The UK is undergoing a major overhaul of packaging producer responsibility legislation, which will transform the way local authorities receive funding for household waste collections. This risk covers the changes this legislation will bring which will be positive but also important to ensure we as an organisation are prepared for these changes.	AD: Neighbourhoods	Officers closely follows all policy and practice changes being implemented by the Government and has responded to relevant consultations. This is also being monitored through the countywide Strategic Officer Working Group. Officers are meeting Defra on a regular basis, and taking part in research where relevant.	2	2	Low (4)	Tolerate	Pending Government guidance Risk has been reviewed and scored reduced in Q2. The recent government budget has provided a significant measure to reduce the risk around the introduction of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme by guaranteeing £1.1 billion in funding for local authorities1. This assurance helps local councils plan their budgets effectively and ensures they have the necessary resources to implement the scheme successfully. By securing this funding, the government aims to mitigate potential financial uncertainties and support the smooth rollout of EPR, which is crucial for enhancing recycling rates and managing waste more efficiently2.	N/A	2	2	Low (4)
ELDC19	Identification and Suitability of future Depot	This risk identifies the need for additional depot capacity to be identified and secured	AD: Neighbourhoods	Report in development for mitigating options	5	3	High (15)	Treat	Report in development for mitigating options	Need action date	3	3	Medium (9)
ELDC20	Capacity	Capacity to deliver the work programme for the Partnership/Councils	AD: Corporate	Alignment and Delivery Plan in place to help manage the work programme. Services when bringing forward new initiatives to consider the capacity required and the need to bid for capacity if it can't be accommodated within existing resources. This matter was discussed at a recent internal conference for senior managers, email appears to be the biggest pressure and services are considering how they best manage this. Services have been informed they can bid into the transformation reserve for short term capacity if they have a suitable proposal.	4	3	High (12)	Treat	Encourage Services to consider the transformation/capacity reserve for short term support where existing service capacity isn't sufficient. Review at year-end 31/03/25.	31/03/2025	3	3	Medium (9)
ELDC21	External Communication	Poor quality external communication with stakeholders, residents and the wider public impacts upon the council's reputation and its ability to effectively deliver services	AD: Corporate	External communications are quality checked by the Communications Team to ensure that the messaging is effective and relevant to its audience. The team also gather statistics across a range of areas to understand how much interaction is being achieved through social media channels, for example, and adapt messages and channel shift to ensure messages are being heard and well received. Recently we have adopted an engagement charter across the partnership.	2	3	Medium (6)	Tolerate		N/A	2	3	Medium (6)

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ELDC2 2	Retention of staff	The recruitment of new and retention of existing staff within the organisation affecting the ability for the organisation to deliver and meet its objectives	AD: Corporate	The workforce strategy is aligned across the 3 Councils. A development programme is in place to assist with both personal and professional development and to further develop the talents of individual employees. This programme sits alongside a package of personal support for staff. Managers are encouraged to have regular 'one to ones' with staff to ensure that they are fully supported in their roles. Appraisal process in place. We have launched our own recruitment academy which seeks to recruit and develop apprentices specifically in those services where it is harder to recruit. The new managers development programme has launched also.	2	4	Medium (8)	Tolerate		N/A	2	4	Medium (8)
ELDC2 3	Service Delivery	The risk to service delivery, impacting residents and partners we work with.	AD: Corporate	Staff resources maximised under the Partnership. Working with external partners to deliver shared priorities. HR support on recruitment and retention. Training plans. Values & behaviours work; Annual Delivery Plan, Workforce Development, policies, and procedures.	3	3	Medium (9)	Treat	A number of service reviews are progressing at the moment which seek to increase resilience and support service delivery to all Councils. These will be considered by Councils in Q4. Review at year-end 31/3/25.	31/03/2025	2	3	Medium (6)
ELDC2 4	Internal Communications	The risk is that internal colleagues do not fully understand the aims and ambitions of the partnership and the role they play in the partnership's success.	AD: Corporate	Internal communications approach has been reviewed. There isn't a one size fits all approach for the Council/Partnership given the breadth of services provided and this is reflected in the internal communications model. Staff informed levels are monitored through the performance framework on a quarterly basis with the results being considered by scrutiny and Cabinet. Regular all staff bulletins with key information are issued. Regular videos from Senior leadership team to the workforce. Briefings on key corporate topics take place. Regular team meetings between service managers and their officers to cascade information. Monthly service manager meetings. Single Partnership Intranet in place	2	3	Medium (6)	Tolerate	Satisfied with level of mitigation, however, will continue to keep communications channels under review.	N/A	2	3	Medium (6)
ELDC2 5	Net Zero target	Risk of failure to meet agreed corporate ambition of Net Zero by 2040 with a 45% reduction by 2027	AD: Regulatory	Carbon Reduction Action Plan approved. Partnership Environment Policy approved Q2 24.25. Climate Change Strategy approved. Green Home Grants are in delivery. Energy Advice Demonstrator in delivery. Fleet telematics project approved for delivery.	4	2	Medium (8)	Treat	Reporting and Monitoring of progress through Scrutiny Committee. Monitoring delivery of projects through Communities PMB and Sustainable Warmth PMB. Review 31/3/26.	31/03/2026	2	2	Low (4)
ELDC2 6	National Review of Business Rates	Government reviews the method by which business rates can be utilised by the	DCX Corporate Development and S151	Lobbying of government and responding to consultations	2	5	High (10)	Tolerate		N/A	2	5	High (10)
ELDC2 7	Domestic Retrofit programme	Risk around future funding, beyond March 2025, for domestic retrofit scheme following change in Government	AD: Regulatory	Lobbying of DESNZ, DHCLG and other relevant groups and Government to stress the importance of an early funding announcement. Engagement HR and finance/Section 151 to manage staffing implications. Engagement with PFH's through Programme Monitoring Board. Terminating works to current programme early enough to enable completion within existing funding envelope and whilst staff are available.	2	3	Medium (6)	Treat	Continued lobbying of Government and regional delivery groups. Through budget setting, seeking approval for budgetary growth funded from reserves to extend the contract of the existing team by 3 months to end of JUNE 2025 to retain skills pending a Government funding decision. Engagement with Section 151 and PFH's/PMB. Review 31/3/25	31/03/2025	1	3	3

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ELDC2 8	Health	The risk of long term health issues on local people; the opportunity to work with health partners to address these	AD: Wellbeing & Community Leadership	The opportunity to work with health and wider system partners to address long term health issues and deprivation, to raise awareness and promote good health, to support the sustainability of local health services Close working with LCC Public Health, VCS and wider system partners to ensure appropriate support and treatment measures are carried out.	3	3	Medium (9)	Tolerate	Continue to implement the Healthy Living Action Plan	N/A	3	3	Medium (9)
ELDC2 9	Local Government Reform (LGR) in Greater	LGR would lead to the creation of new Councils to replace existing Councils	AD:Corporate	Regular staff and member briefings are taking place to share the latest information.	4	3	High (12)	Tolerate		N/A	4	3	High (12)

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01	Vision	A lack of clear and shared vision; the reasons for shared management and sharing of joint services	AD: Corporate	The partnership exploration phase developed this understanding. Engagement with members to ensure the objectives of the business case were clearly understood, through the proposal recommendations, scrutiny process and final Council decisions. Adoption of a Sub-regional Strategy across the Partnership to embed shared vision, objectives and priorities. Quarterly stakeholder board meetings are underway which focus on ensuring the vision of the partnership is clear and aligned.	2	4	Medium (8)	Tolerate		N/A	2	4	Medium (8)
02	Trust	A poor relationship or lack of trust between members, leaders or senior staff	CX	Openness, transparency and accessibility for all groups. Building on the existing positive relationships between Members and Officers	3	3	Medium (9)	Tolerate		N/A	3	3	Medium (9)
03	Sovereignty	Concerns around the loss of sovereignty of a council	AD: Governance	Each Council continues to be governed by its own Constitution which is a key principle of the Memorandum of Agreement between the three Councils.	3	3	Medium (9)	Tolerate		N/A	3	3	Medium (9)
05	Culture	A fundamental difference in the organisational culture of the councils	AD: Corporate	Expectation, set out in the business case, that many things will be similar. A commitment to use the best elements of each partner's cultural difference, for example in the Partnership Workforce Development Strategy. Culture is a key consideration as part of the development of shared teams.	2	3	Medium (6)	Tolerate	Future work taking place around workforce terms and conditions and shared officer pay.	N/A	3	3	Medium (9)
06	LGR	Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)	CX	The South East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership is designed to have a positive influence should Local Government Reorganisation be required of Lincolnshire. The partnership strengthens the case for 'locally-led deals' which benefit South East Lincolnshire	4	3	High (12)	Tolerate		N/A	4	3	High (12)
07	Funding	Local Government Funding	DCX Corporate Development and S151	Local Government funding challenges are inevitable and evidenced by each partner's funding gaps. The business case assumes a shared opportunity for efficient services and shared commercial opportunities and provides a significant opportunity to respond to this on-going challenge.	4	4	High (16)	Treat	Delivering on the opportunities identified in the Partnership business case and realising the planned savings; savings tracker reported regularly; review at year-end 31/3/25	31/03/2025	3	3	Medium (9)
08	Staffing	Staff retention and resilience	AD: Corporate	Adoption of a Partnership Workforce Strategy and an ambitious programme of work that makes the South East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership a place of choice to work for staff. We are on the verge of launching our own recruitment academy which seeks to recruit and develop apprentices specifically in those services where it is harder to recruit.	4	3	High (12)	Treat	Refresh of Workforce Development Strategy by 31/3/25; Agree training plans for 25/26 by 31/3/25;	31/03/2025	3	3	Medium (9)
09	PSPS	Relationship with PSPS	AD: Corporate	The Partnership's relationship with PSPS could become strained due to demands being placed on the company to support organisational change. This is mitigated via SLAs being in place setting out the work programme, regular client liaison meetings, PSPS Stakeholder Board being in place to direct the company strategically and a process for Additional Work Requests that manages additional work required by the company. I think its medium but reduced to a low due to the mitigation	2	3	Medium (6)	Tolerate	Continued monitoring and liaison	N/A	2	3	Medium (6)

Risk Scoring Matrix						
Impact	Critical	5	10	15	20	25
	High	4	8	12	16	20
	Medium	3	6	9	12	15
	Low	2	4	6	6	10
	Minimal	1	2	3	4	5
		Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost certain
Likelihood						

Final Risk scoring

Minimal Risk


Low Risk

Medium Risk

High Risk

Critical Risk

Colour





Likelihood score	1	2	3	4	5
Definition	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost certain
Description	This risk would occur only in rare / particular circumstances	The risk is technically possible, but an occurrence is not foreseeable in the medium-long term	The risk is a real possibility but the likelihood of an occurrence in the short-medium term is small	The risk is probably going to occur at some point in the medium term-- , possibly sooner	The risk is expected to occur imminently / regularly
Timeframe	Will occur at some point in the next 10 or more years	Will occur at some point in the next 3-10 years	Will occur at some point in the next 1-3 years	Will occur at some point within the year	Will occur at some point in the next few months
Probability	10% or less	Between 10-30%	Between 30-50%	Between 50-85%	85% or more

Impact score	1	2	3	4	5
Title	Minimal	Low	Medium	High	Critical
Reputation risk	Individual complaint raised	Multiple complaints	Negative local press coverage for one day, increased complaints for more than one week	Negative national press coverage for one day, ongoing negative local coverage	Negative national press coverage over several days. Public criticism from MP, LGA, County Council or national service body
Financial risk	Up to £10,000	£10,000-£50,000	£50,000-£250,000	£250,000-£500,000	Over £500,000
Service Delivery / Operations risk	Individual members of staff having work disrupted	Multiple members of staff unable to work	Total service outage for one day or less	Total service outage for several days	Total service outage for more than a week
Environmental risk	Immediately remedied damage in an isolated area	Easily remedied damage in an isolated area	Short term damage in an isolated area requiring partners assistance	Damage requiring special budget provision to rectify	Major or widespread damage requiring central government assistance
Health and Safety risk	People engaging in hazardous activities without awareness	Individual receives minor injuries	Multiple people receive minor injuries	Individual serious injury	Multiple people seriously injured, individual loss of life

#### Treatment (4Ts)

Terminate – rarely, we may be able to stop doing the activity altogether and thereby remove the risk altogether

Tolerate – accept the risk and live with it because it is within our risk appetite and the cost of mitigating action would outweigh the benefits

Transfer – move all or part of the risk to a third party or through insurance; however, sometimes accountability still remains, particularly with a Council, so caution is advised

Treat - take action to control the likelihood and/or impact and set a target to move the risk to within the risk appetite once the action has been implemented