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RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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1. Summary

1.1 In accordance with the WME Risk Management Strategy, the purpose of this report is for the Joint Committee to receive details of any medium and high risks that have been identified by WME.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Joint Committee are asked to consider and endorse, with appropriate comment the medium risks presented (no high risks identified).

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

3.1 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

3.2 There are no direct environmental, equalities or climate change consequences arising from this report.

3.3 Given the subject matter of this report, the assessment of risk forms a fundamental part of the risk strategy.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The financial implications of each risk are considered when the impact of the risk is assessed.

5. Background

5.1 The WME Risk Management Strategy is reviewed and presented to the Joint Committee on an annual basis. This was presented and endorsed by the Joint Committee in March. WME Risk Management Strategy states that the Joint Committee are to receive details of all medium and high risks at each meeting.

5.2 The risk register is kept under constant review and is formally reviewed by the management of WME twice a year. The review considers any new emerging risks as well as any of the existing risks which require revaluating. The current risk register comprises of seventy-two highlighted risks.

5.3 The majority of the risks within the risk register are operational with controls in place which mitigate the impact of the risks to an acceptable risk level.

5.4 The table below presents the one medium risk identified. This risk continues to be assessed as medium, with the likelihood remaining at one. In WME's view, this means that a breach of the risk levels within the year would only occur in exceptional circumstances, however should it occur, the impact could be major.

Ref	Risk	Risk Owner	L	I	Rank	Rank Change
Current Medium Risks						
1	Breach of Capital at Risk levels above 10% of Review Point level (as a result of market spike)	Julie Wassall	1	5	Medium	No change

L – likelihood of the risk
I – impact of the risk

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information) Joint Committee 27th March 2026 – Risk Management Update
Member Councillor P Stoddart of Herefordshire Council (Chair of the Joint Committee)
Appendices None