Appendix 4 | Risk Register

Cassiltoun Housing Association's Risk Management Policy forms part of the Association's internal control and corporate governance arrangements.

The policy explains the Association's underlying approach to risk management.

Included within this IMP/BP is the risk register which identifies the:

- · Key risks faced by the Association.
- The roles and responsibilities of the Board and the Senior Management Team.
- The controls in place to deal with risk.
- The review timetable.
- Throughout the 3 year period of the IMP new risks will be added and inherent risks included.
- Risks that have been well managed will be removed when the risk is no longer a threat to the Association.

The Association has prioritised business planning in recent years with the objective of minimising risk to the Association.

We are not an organisation who will take unnecessary risks.

We have demonstrated a high level of self awareness in recent years and we believe we have prepared as best as we can to spot emerging risks and to set about dealing with them through our planning framework, prudence and governance controls.

The Association has a successful 30 year track record and each year we build on previous performance led by an experienced SMT and Board.







Risk Management Policy

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Risk Register Review

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1. Purpose of this Document

This Risk Management Policy (the Policy) forms part of the Association's internal control and corporate governance arrangements.

The Policy explains the Association's underlying approach to Risk Management, documents, the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Management, the Senior Management Team and other key parties. It also outlines key aspects of the Risk Management Process including the risk assessment scoring methodology, and identifies the main reporting procedures.

The document also describes the process by which the Board of Management will evaluate the effectiveness of the Association's internal control procedures.

The Association is required to comply with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management set out by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Underlying Approach to Risk Management

The following key principles outline the Association's approach to Risk Management and internal control:

Board of Management

The Board of Management is responsible for overseeing risk management in the Association as a whole, specifically:

- Agreeing the risk management framework within the Association;
- Setting the risk appetite for the Association;
- Directing the risk strategy;
- · Receiving reports and requesting action where appropriate;
- Reviewing assurance providing mechanisms to ensure that actions to mitigate risks are operating effectively;
- Annual review of the Association's approach to Risk Management, approving any proposed changes to the core aspects of the strategy and associated procedures.

Senior Management Team

The Senior Management team is led by the Chief Executive Officer and has responsibility for:

- Implementing policies on Risk Management and internal control;
- Identifying and evaluating the key inherent risks faced by the Association. These risks will be set out in a "Risk Register" (Appendix B). Those risks appearing at the top end of the Risk Register (the "top ten") shall be presented to the Board of Management for consideration:
- Providing adequate, timely information to Board of Management and its sub committees on the status of risk and controls and providing assurance that risks are being effectively mitigated;
- Undertaking an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and providing a report to Board of Management.

The Senior Management Team has two roles in relation to Risk Management. These are:

Operational:

Functional:

Owns the management of risks -Assesses risks, reviews them twice yearly, confirms responsibility. Provides technical support to manage risks - Responsible to line management. (Includes HR, Finance, IT, Corporate Services).

Operational management personnel are responsible for the co-ordination of the Risk Management review and liaison with the Director of Finance on the transfer of risks to insurers, where appropriate.

The Board of Management shall satisfy itself that the Risk Management process is effective, taking advice from the Senior Management Team and any internal auditor. Advice shall also be obtained from the external auditor as part of the review of governance in the annual audit. The Director of Finance shall submit a brief report to Board of Management each year, outlining the work in this area and the conclusions reached.

Internal Audit – the internal audit function has a central role in reviewing the governance, risk and control issues within the Association. Specifically in relation to Risk Management, the internal audit provides independent assurance of content and of process to the Board of Management.

3. Key Activities within Risk Management Process

Risk Management incorporates a number of elements that together facilitate an effective and efficient operation, enabling the Association to respond to a variety of operational, financial and commercial risks.

These elements include:

- Policies & Procedures attached to key risks are a series of policies that underpin the
 internal control process. These policies are set by Board of Management and
 implemented and disseminated throughout the Association by the Senior Management
 Team. Written guidance supports these policies.
- **Monthly Reporting** comprehensive monthly reporting is designed to monitor key risks and their controls. Decisions to rectify problems are made at regular meetings of the Senior Management Team or by the Board of Management as appropriate.
- Business Planning and Budgeting the business planning and budgeting process is used to set objectives, agree action plans and allocate resources. Progress towards meeting Business Plan Objectives is monitored regularly by the Senior Management Team and Board.



During 2017/18 the Association will undertake an assessment of its private borrowing requirements for our new housing development proposals. Inclusive of a full project appraisal and independent business plan review, the following stages will be put in place to mitigate risk and provide the Board with additional assurance.



Stage 1 Review of current loan documents

In 2017/18 the Association appointed HRC led by Paul McNeil to: review all loan documents and prepare a report for the Board of the Association, which will highlight any issues that may restrict future lending or hinder its effectiveness, e.g. future use of free security, other obligations clauses, gearing covenants, security release or negative pledge.

In addition, information will be submitted to the Board about the current lending market. This will set out the options for obtaining private finance and the issues that the Board should consider before committing to any lender. This will include an explanation of the advantages and disadvantages of Bond Finance and other innovative finance mechanisms emerging into the sector.

The purpose of this marketplace report is to first make the Association fully aware of the lending climate and the appetite of different lenders to operate within it and at what terms.

Stage 2 Review of the 2017/18 Business Plan

The consultant reviewed the 2017/18 plan to check the integrity of the financial model and review the underlying assumptions for reasonableness. This will also involve review of other key documents including Loan Portfolio Report and 5YFP to ensure the financial performance of the Association, peer and sector comparisons and future plans in order to ensure fully effective lender negotiation.

The dual benefit of this robust review is a complimentary financial health check which the Association can use for other planning purposes, demonstrating Value for Money by extracting collateral benefit beyond the key purpose of the commission.

Stage 3 Review of Treasury Management Policy

Before preparing and issuing a funding prospectus, the consultant will review the current treasury management policy and if required update it. This will also ensure that the procedures we follow to issue a funding prospectus will reflect the policies of the Association and are fully compliant with SHR Guidelines.

Stage 4 Funding Prospectus

Set out below are the steps involved in the preparation and submission of a funding prospectus.

- 1. Prepare and agree with the Board of the Association a detailed funding proposal
- 2. Issue Prospectus to lenders which will include details of:
 - a. Unencumbered assets
 - b. Current covenant structure
 - c. Financial projections
- 3. Seek tender responses based on the business plan and prospectus.

- Risk Register the Risk Register is compiled by the Senior Management Team in liaison with Board of Management, and helps to facilitate the identification, assessment and ongoing monitoring of risks significant to the Association. The document is formally appraised annually but emerging risks are added as required. The Senior Management Team also reviews the document twice yearly. Improvement actions and risk indicators are monitored regularly.
- **Department/Team Framework** each department manager has their own monitoring framework to ensure that key risks within their department are identified, assessed and controlled. The framework is formally appraised annually and any emerging risks are contained as required. Reference is made to key performance indicators which allow the department to identify any improvement action that is required and to report to the Senior Management Team and Board of Management as appropriate.
- Internal Audit Programme internal audit can be an important element in the internal control process as it provides assurance to management that controls are operating effectively and/or alerts management to any control weaknesses identified. Internal Audit is responsible for carrying out individual assignments to enable the delivery of proactive advice to Board of Management. The internal audit programme will address the key risks within the Association. Within an annual report to the management committee, the internal auditor shall provide a specific comment upon his/her annual review of the internal control system and his/her professional opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control system, and the extent to which it can be relied upon. (The Association has more than one internal audit function.)
- External Audit external audit provides feedback to the Group Audit finance subcommittee on the operation of those aspects of the internal control system reviewed as part of the annual audit. They shall also provide a comment on the general governance arrangements within the Association.
- Business Continuity Planning & Disaster Recovery interruption of the Association's business threatened by any emergency events will be limited via the procedures of its disaster recovery plan.
- Third Party Reports from time to time the use of external consultants will be
 necessary in areas such as health and safety, development, and human resources. The
 use of specialist third parties for consulting and reporting can increase the reliability of
 the internal control system.
- Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) The Regulatory Advice Note sets out expectations as to how registered Social Landlords (RSLs) should comply with Regulatory Standard 3. This requires the governing body of each RSL to manage its resources to ensure financial well-being and economic effectiveness. There are particular challenges at this time for RSLs in managing to protect their financial health. The SHR recognise that RSLs which do not manage to do so are unlikely to be able to achieve good outcomes for tenants and other stakeholders. RSLs may face increased financial stress as a result of Welfare Reform.

In addition, **Regulatory Standard 4** applies directly to how the Association manages and mitigates risk to the Cassiltoun Group which includes our subsidiary companies, Cassiltoun Trust and Cassiltoun Stables Nursery.

Standard 4 states "The governing body bases its decision on good quality information and identifies and mitigates risk to the organisation's purpose".

4.3 states "The governing body identifies risks that might prevent it from achieving the RSL's purpose and has effective strategies and systems for risk management and mitigation, internal control and audit."



- **Key emerging risks** All RSLs should give due attention to these emerging issues through their ongoing management of risk and business planning:
 - increased exposure to, and management of, growing pension obligations. The 2013 Pension Deficit
 (SHAPS) increase has led to a full Independent Review of Pension cost and provision. As a result the
 Board in November 2013 decided to end final salary pension for new staff from 1st April 2014. Existing
 staff will remain within the final salary scheme until the next review. The Association will offer a defined
 contribution pension for new staff which will also allow existing staff to transfer if they wish with auto
 enrolment from 2015.
 - Welfare Reform is a serious risk facing the organisation due to the changes in welfare payments. The Association has recognised that this risk would be significant for some time and have set about introducing robust plans to help mitigate the risk. For example in 2013 the Association successfully secured 5 years Big Lottery funding to create a Welfare and Money Advice Team, consisting of 3 full time staff (Welfare Rights Officer, Financial Inclusion Officer and Advice Assistant). From April 2017 the team increased to four with the introduction of an administrator (Digital and Financial Inclusion) post, funded by the Big Lottery. In addition to help further mitigate the risk and forward plan the Board have extended the 5 year period to 6 years therefore taking the project to 31st March 2020. This will be kept under further review internally. At the time of reviewing the risk policy and register the team has continued to make a significant impact on the financial capability of their clients and contributing to rent arrears reduction. This risk will be kept under constant scrutiny by the Senior Management Team and Board.
 - supply chain management (break down in supply chain / financial stability of private contractors).
 - increasing scarcity of public funding and tension with increasing demand from those requiring housing and care.
 - our children's nursery subsidiary must continue to be managed carefully in the next phase of its operation to ensure that our reputation is not damaged.

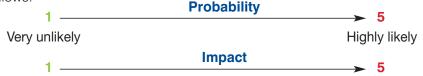
There are a number of other potential developments that may introduce further cost pressures or new risks for RSL's.

- increased complexity for Risk Management where RSLs are setting up trading subsidiaries for mid market rent, social enterprise etc; increased pressure upon arrears due to economic circumstances; Welfare Reform.
- use of Consumer Price Index rather than Retail Price Index for, for example, benefits and pension calculations; CPI 3% September 2017. RPI 3.9%.
- proposed or planned changes to housing policy including the implementation of the housing bill and planned changes to the property management / factoring regime.
- the potential costs of landlords' obligations in relation to climate change targets.
- Increased development activity increasing the debt within the Association and having a significantly higher debt charge.

4. Scoring Methodology for the Assessment and Prioritisation of Risk

The scoring methodology for the assessment and prioritisation of risk is applied consistently to all risks so that the Association's resources are directed to those risks which have the highest score and, therefore, present the greatest threat to the Association's operations.

The probability and impact of both inherent and residual risk will be assessed using a scale from 1 to 5 as follows:



Risk has negligible impact

Risk has severe impact on the Association's operations

The overall risk score will be the sum of the probability and impact scores added together and expressed as a percentage.

5. Annual Review of Effectiveness

The following diagram sets out the typical elements of the Risk Management process:

As indicated earlier in this document, the Board of Management is responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of internal control of the Association, based on information provided by the Senior Management Team.

In practice, the Board of Management shall identify and review those risks appearing towards the top end of the risk register (the 'top ten'). For each of the key risks they shall:

- Review the previous year and examine the Association's track record on risk management and internal control; and
- Consider the internal and external risk profile of the coming year and consider if current internal control arrangements are likely to be effective.

In reaching its conclusions and making decisions, the Board of Management will consider the following aspects:

Control Environment

- The Association's objectives and its financial and non-financial targets
- Organisational structure and calibre of the Senior Management Team
- Culture, approach and resources with respect to the management of risk
- Scheme of delegation
- Public reporting

On-going Identification and Evaluation of Key Risks

- · Timely identification and assessment of significant risks
- · Prioritisation of risks and the allocation of resources to address areas of high exposure

Information and Communication

- Quality and timeliness of information on key risks and assurance providing activities
- Time it takes for control breakdowns to be recognised or new risks to be identified

Monitoring and Corrective Action

- Ability of the Association to learn from its problems
- Commitment and speed with which corrective actions are implemented.

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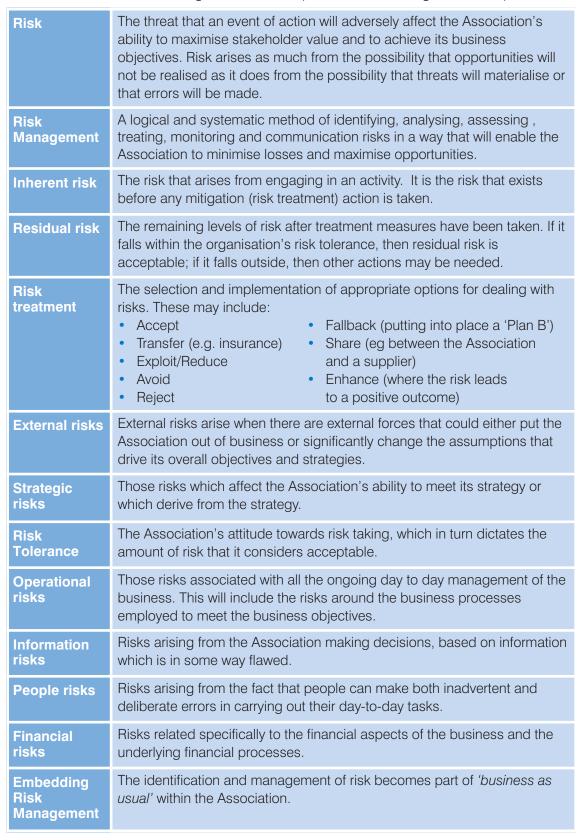
Date of Next Risk Review: Date of Next Policy Review: October 2017 October 2018





Appendix A – Glossary Of Risk Terms

When putting in place a structure for the analysis and management of risk, it is important that the organisation uses a common risk language. The following table sets out some definitions for the Association's risk management activities (source: The Housing Association).









Appendix B Strategic Risk Register

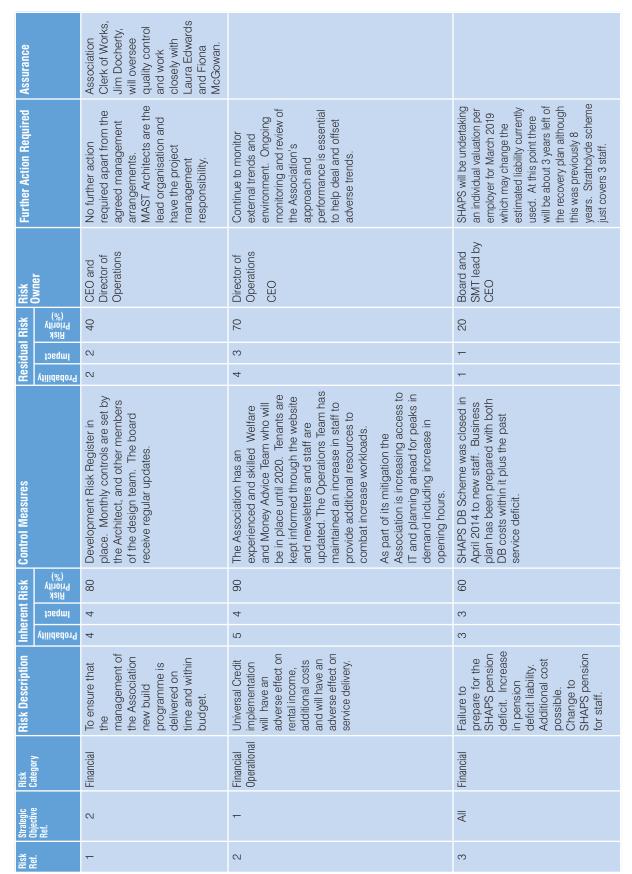
In order to
ensure that
our rents
remain
affordable,
maintain a
stock base
sufficient to
achieve
economies of
scale and
deliver
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services in a
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way.

Maintain the high quality of our housing and service provision, ensuring the comfort of tenants and the protection of investment, (£50m to date).

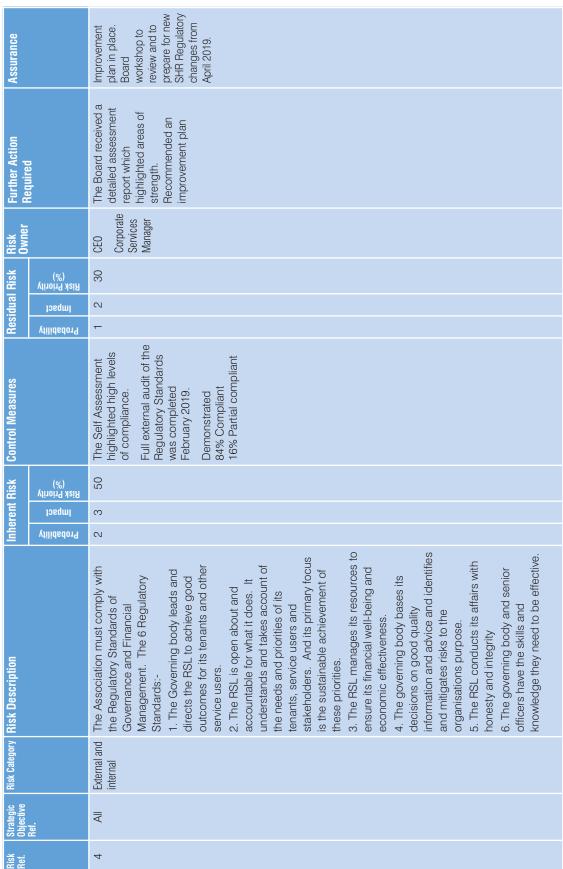
Maximise opportunities for community involvement in the regeneration process, promoting social inclusion and 'wider action'.

Ensure that
the work of
the
Association is
supported by
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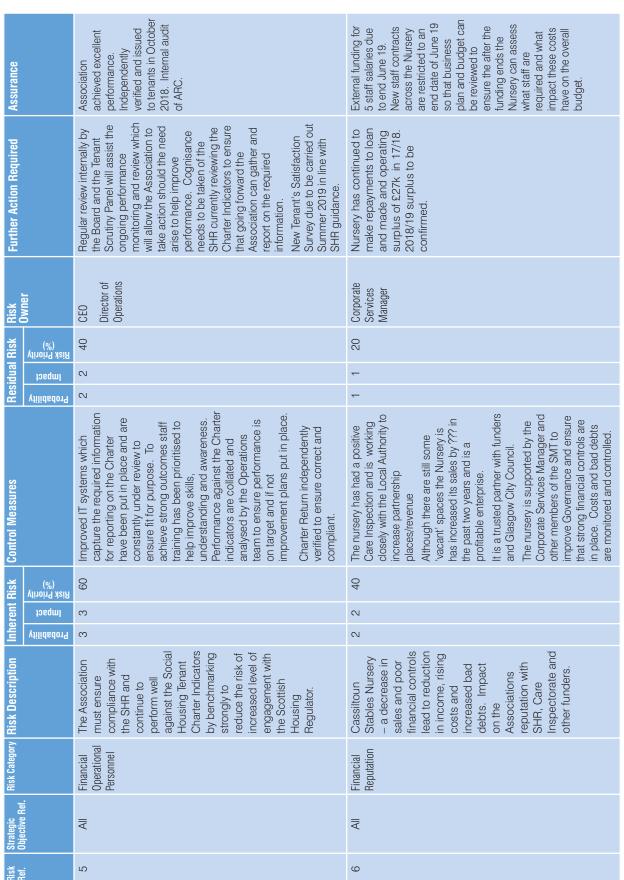
To ensure that the Cassiltoun Group structure is adequately supported to deliver its goals.



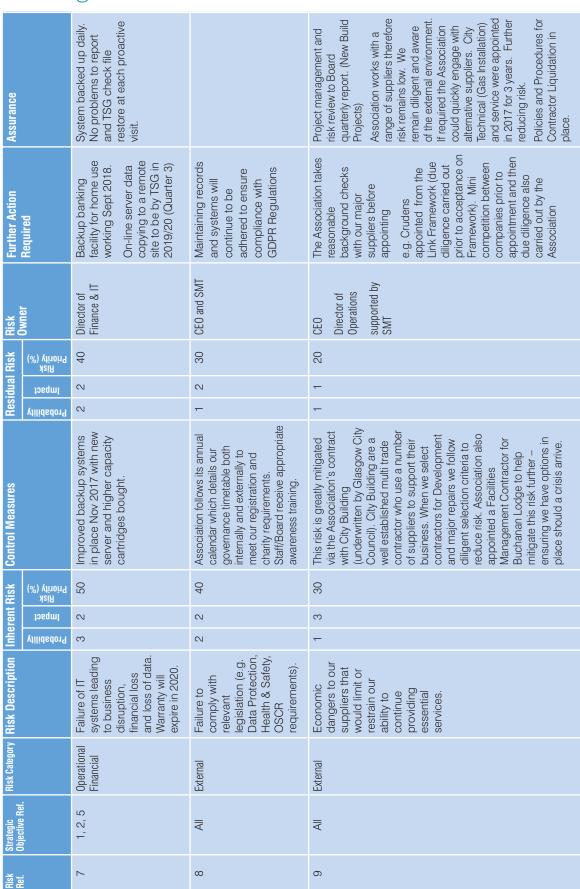




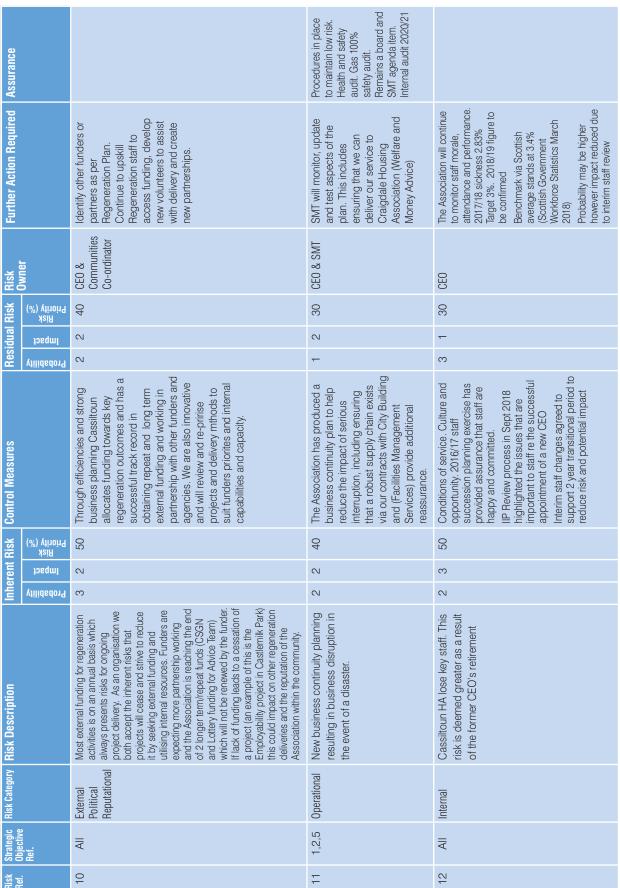














Main Issues Encountered over Last 12 Months

- Appointing the design team led by MAST Architects to take forward our 42 new build development.
- Agree with Glasgow City Council Development and Regeneration Services to carry out a housing feasibility study of the Nursery Site.
- Reviewed our Risk Register and carried out risk assessments.
- Review our 30 year Business Plan in line with our planned development programme.
- Secured £5m private funding to support our initial phases of our development programme.
- Carried out a re-structure of our regeneration staff to create our Communities Team.
- Changed our operations management structure to improve our effectiveness.
- Updated our website to improve the information available about our services and how we operate.
- Supported our subsidiary businesses by providing effective governance, corporate management and financial support.
- In particular, helped to organise the 10th Anniversary Stables celebrations.
- · Held successful Business Away Days.
- Started the second self-assessment of the SHR Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.
- Carried out a feasibility study to assess the introduction of a social enterprise to carry out the Association's environmental service.
- Extended the contracts of our welfare money advice team staff to March 2020. With a further review planned in 2018/19 (combat the risks of welfare reform).
- Reviewed Healthy Working Lives and achieved Gold Standard.
- Reviewed Investors in People (IIP) Gold Standard and have achieved Platinum Standard.
- · Completed a staff succession planning exercise.
- Carried out a comprehensive review of our Internal Management Plan/Business Plan.



Main Issues Identified from November 2017 - November 2020

Ensuring that we achieve our operational targets. This includes managing our multi trade reactive maintenance contract, new stair cleaning service and environmental maintenance contract. In addition our cyclical and major repairs contracts are being closely managed to ensure greater tenant satisfaction and improved value for money.

Maintaining our links with other strategic partners and stakeholders.

Ensuring that we review and monitor our financial controls.

Ensure that our risk assessment procedures continue to be robust, flexible and suitable for the changing environment in which we operate.

Complete a Tenant Satisfaction Survey and Stock Condition Survey in 2019.

Complete the rolling programme for planned repairs over the next 5 years.

Every three years to carry out a self-assessment against the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

Castlemilk Park is a much improved community asset due to the leadership of Cassiltoun Housing Association. Maintaining the standards of maintenance will be challenging in future years. Sustaining the community use of the park will remain a priority.

New build housing programme will form a key part of our business planning and effect the activity of the Association over the next three to five years.

Maintaining our control over the effects of welfare reform changes by our planned pro-active approach. Universal credit will start in December 2018 (Castlemilk).

Maintaining our social and economic regeneration programme to help support the local community to gain access to services and opportunities.

Consider the options and risks of creating a new social enterprise subsidiary to carry out Cassiltoun Housing Association's environmental maintenance work.

Monitor the work, direction and viability of our subsidiary businesses.

To maintain our high standards of customer satisfaction and achieve value for money that our tenants can identify with.

To sustain overall high base line performance as a landlord as identified in the SHR Landlord Report Cards to date. Benchmark our performance and sustain our culture of continuous improvement.

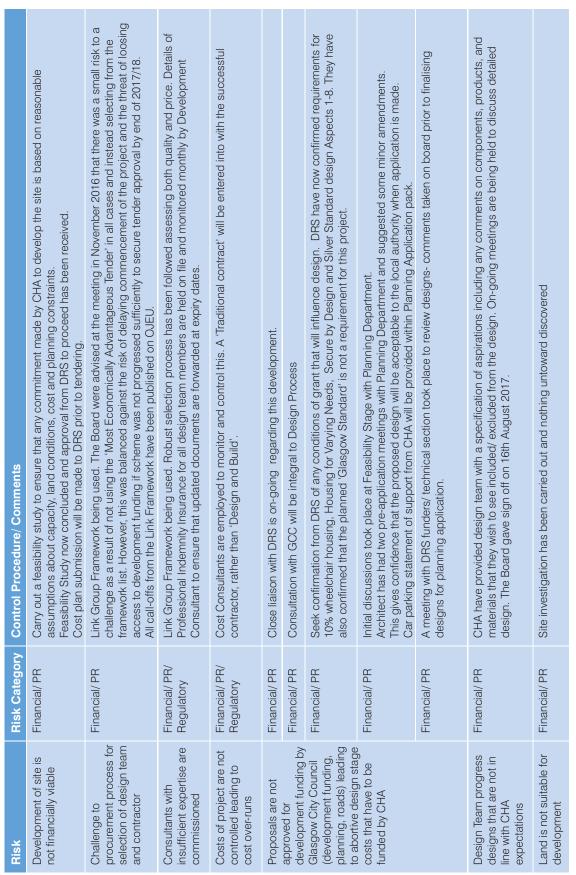
Prepare for Data Protection changes in May 2018 and the introduction of Freedom of Information in 2019.

Monitor pension costs and affordability

Achieve by 2020 the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing.

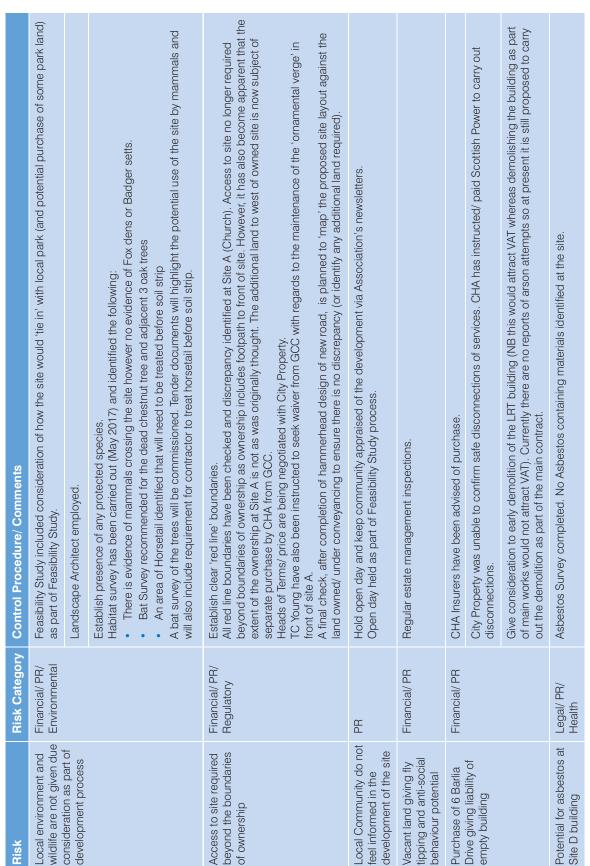


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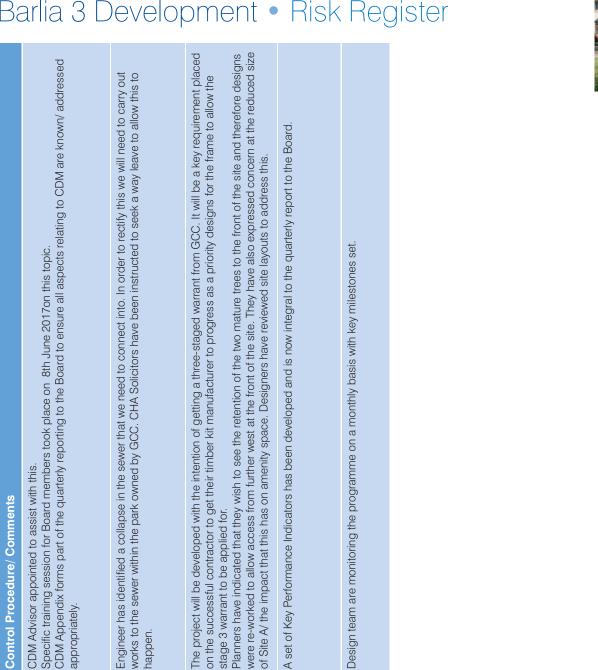


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Regulatory/ PR

Financial/

Failure of Association to

performance of Design

adequately monitor

Regulatory/ PR

progress within planned

programme

Scheme does not

Financial/



stage 3 warrant to be applied for.

Legal/ PR/ Financial/ Regulatory

Statutory Approvals will

contractor is appointed not all be in place wher

Control Procedure/ Comments

Risk Category

Legal/ PR/ Financial/ Regulatory

Cassiltoun are not aware

of their responsibilities

Construction Design and

Management (CDM) as 'employer' under

Regulations

appropriately.

Legal/ Financial

Potential need to take access over the land owned by third parties in

order to tie into services

such as sewers