

Detailed Risk Report (incl Control Measure Target Date)

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CSD0016	Death or serious harm to a child that was or should have been in receipt of services, either from the council or a partner agency. There is an on-going need to ensure that services to all vulnerable children and young people have a focus on safeguarding and prevention of harm.	Our most recent Ofsted report (June 2019) rates Children's Social Care and Early Help service's as "Good". However, there will be a need to regularly review and scrutinise the quality of services for vulnerable young people. This scrutiny and challenge will need to have a focus on; Overall management oversight and quality of supervision. Compliance with core statutory and local requirements. Adherence to key safeguarding thresholds. Regular assessments of cases, and emerging /changing risks. Strong planning for children, with regular reviews to avoid drift and delay. Maintaining strong quality assurance and auditing mechanisms.	Harm to individual Children and young people being left in situations of risk and or unassisted harm. Poorer than expected outcomes for a child. Poor audit/review findings Reputational damage to the council. Poor Staff development and competence. Poor Quality assurance and Performance Management Loss of experienced professional staff. Potential for legal proceedings against the council leading to financial loss	Monthly meeting of the Continuous Improvement Board, chaired by the DCS, and involving the Lead member. The Tower Hamlets Children's Safeguarding Partnership, delivering the statutory multi-agency oversight of safeguarding. The Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children's Partnership is jointly led by the Council, Police and CCG, and benefits from the support and challenge of an Independent Scrutineer. The Partnership provides routine oversight of multi-agency data and quality assurance findings. Monthly service level performance meetings held by the Divisional Director. Underpinned by monthly Performance Surgeries held by each Head of Service. Practice Week which is held twice a year (May and November) which involves all Corporate Directors and members.	5 5 25	Increased level of Quality Auditing. From May 2021 the quality assurance programme will move to monthly quality audits and be positioned as a core activity for all managers to ensure consistent and improving standards of casework across Children's Social Care. All audits are moderated. Susannah Beasley-Murray Required Control Measure Target Date: 31/03/2023 External peer scrutiny of our safeguarding practice. Three current initiatives: (1) Peer contribution to the Continuing Improvement Board; (2) East London Quality Assurance Peer Review - external moderation of our case auditing; (3) Full LGA Peer Challenge end of March 2022 focused upon our front door, assessment, Child in Need and Child Protection work. All completed or on track. James Thomas Required Control Measure Target Date: 31/03/2023 Inspection by the regulator, Ofsted Tower Hamlets is due a Focused Visit as part of the ILACS inspection framework expected	4	4 16	James Thomas	People Are Aspirational, Independent And Have Equal

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						by summer 2022, which will provide external scrutiny of our safeguarding practice against the national inspection benchmarks. Annual Conversation with Ofsted indicated this will be within 12 months from July 2021. Focused Visit completed in July 2022 - letter to be published 31/8/22. James Thomas Required Control Measure Taraet Date: 31/03/2023 Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children's Partnership and increased quality assurance. The THSCP has planned for 21/22 and 22/23 an increased level of quality assurance, including multi-agency case audits and Safeguarding Child Practice Reviews. On track. James Thomas Required Control Measure Taraet Date: 31/03/2023			
ORG0027	There is an ongoing risk of a cyber attack and/or major loss of IT.	Cyber attacks could include ransomware, denial of service, social engineering, phishing, malware and/or an active attack exploiting network security vulnerabilities. Attacks could be enabled through miss-sent emails, inappropriate sharing, insecure design, inappropriate access, introduction of unauthorized software to the network, users	Significant and prolonged loss of IT services. Inability to deliver critical and essential services. Failure to comply with statutory duties or other legal responsibilities. Breach of data protection legislation Financial loss Reputational damage	Current activity Internal internal and external reviews. Internal vulnerability scanning is on-going, occurring every week and the critical / high vulnerabilities discovered continue to be escalated for urgent remediation. Annual independent penetration tests. Implementation of a SIEM solution Recruiting additional specialist resources to support the SIEM. Take a risk-based approach to data security. Embed the risk assessment culture within service delivery.	4 5 20	Zero 12 Tolerance to unsupported software in the council live environment Recent events with a number of local authorities have led to severe disruptions and impacted their ability to deliver key services. In an attempt safeguard LBTH from such an event a Zero Tolerance approach to "unsupported software" will be adopted. This will include: - Run weekly vulnerability scan (NESSUS) - Identify and publicise any systems that have unsupported	4 3 12	Adrian Gorst	

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		clicking on phishing scam		Ensure architectural decisions		software installed			
		email links, and/or		taken are supported by adequate		- For those systems identified:			
		divulging sensitive		risk assessments.		- If non-production, disable			
		information		Ensure Policies are aligned with		immediately			
				identified risks and communicated		- if production, Applications Team			
				effectively.		to work with the Service and			
				Ensure policy exceptions are		Information Security to identify			
				supported with fully documented		the most appropriate course of			
				and signed off risk assessments		action.			
				and controls are continually					
				monitored		11 Oct - moved owner to MU,			
				Review of BCP		remaining list of unsupported			
				At the request of the Corporate		software to be supplied and			
				Directors of Health, Adults and		action plan agreed to address by			
				Community, Internal Audit reviewed		end of FY			
				a sample of BCP's in quarter 4 of		Mary Umoh			
				2021/22 to form a view on whether		Required Control Measure			
				the BCP's adequately address a		Target Date:			
				complete loss of IT infrastructure		31/03/2023			
				for a prolonged period. The		Governance			
				outcome was complete and was		The terms of reference for the			
				presented to CLT members and the					
				CCB in June 2022. Actions and		Strategic Information Governance			
				recommendations shared to inform		Board need to be reviewed and			
				ongoing improvements.		agreed by CLT. Consideration to			
				ongoing improvements.		include oversight of cyber			
				Proposed follow up of updates /		security matters. The action is			
				improvements during 2022/23 IA		being incorporated into the IG			
				Plan and beyond to maintain		Review which is progressing and			
				1		reporting into the Support			
				effectiveness of BCP plans.		Services Board.			
				Cyber Security/Attack Exercise		New Head of IG starts in Oct and			
				The Council has run a table top		full review of the IGG and SIGB			
				cyber security/attack scenario with		will be carried out			
				both CLT and the CCB. Lessons		Raj Chand			
				learned have been identified and		Required Control Measure			
				actions will be assigned to		Target Date:			
				responsible officers and monitored		31/12/2022			
				by the CCB.		Information/Cyber Security			
						Incident Response Procedures			
						The Council's Information/Cyber			
						Security Incident Response			
						Procedures need to be reviewed			
						and updated with key details .			
						This has been updated to include			

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						the cyber security mailbox as first point of contact. Adding individual names would need the document to be updated regularly as staff leave and so this should be the roles rather than specific names and contact information. Roles to be included to be discussed at the most appropriate forum, tbd. Mary Umoh Required Control Measure Target Date: 30/11/2022			
RS0056	The Council may significantly overspend its budget, fail to deliver savings and continue to rely on dwindling reserves. As of January 2021 we have a balanced position forecast for 2021/22, albeit utilising significant one off COVID funding to achieve this. A balanced budget has been set for 2022/23, with a single year budget set in March 2022, and the Council will review its medium-term funding position in the 22/23 financial year.	COVID-19 Virus outbreak and associated increase in costs. Loss of income in particular council tax, business rates and leisure events. Poor budget management Failure to deliver savings	Significant financial losses, overspent budgets, further drawn down on reserves.	Financial Measures CLT and SLT have prepared savings proposals to deliver savings across 9 themes which were presented Members for their agreement: 1. New ways of working from the pandemic 2. Managing demand by enabling people to help themselves 3. Streamlining our back office 4. Greater use of community assets 5. Digital 6. Buildings 7. Non- statutory services 8. Joining up services 9. Headcount reductions Financial Actions Increased focus on budget management. Budget Managers Handbook Issued. All budget managers directed by CLT to remain in budget. High risk budgets reviewed by the Corporate Director Resources or the Divisional Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit. Redoubled efforts to deliver previously agreed savings proposals.	5 4 20	Monitoring and Control Continual focus on budget management. Closely tracking delivery of savings and identifying alternatives if proposals become undeliverable. Regular budget reporting to CLT, Portfolio Leads, MAB and Cabinet. Allister Bannin Required Control Measure Target Date: 31/03/2023	4 3 12	Nisar Visram	

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