Budget Risk Matrix

BUDGETARY RESPONSE TO EACH RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUE IN ORDER OF QUADRANT

ISSUE	BUDGETARY RESPONSE
Quadrant 1 - Low Risk, Low Impact	Keep under periodic review
1. External Funding, Partnerships	Continue to evaluate sustainability of each scheme as part of project appraisal.
2. Prudential Code for Capital Accounting (Borrowing)	Keep under review, but little risk should be posed for this authority while it is debt free, has a balanced budget, carries out full option appraisals and has fully adopted the Prudential Code.
Quadrant 2 - High Risk, Low Impact	Consider Action
1. History of Underspending on Final Accounts	Appropriate action has been taken to reduce the level of underspend in accordance with Use of Resources.
2. Recruitment/key staff retention	Use of agency/temporary staff from existing budgets to facilitate management of vacancies.
Quadrant 3 - Low Risk, High Impact	Review Risk - Contingency Plans
1. Finance Strategy/Accountability	Council have adopted a three year Balanced Budget Strategy.
2. Car Parking	Usages/Income Level closely monitored.
3. Council Tax - Excessive rises, capping	Low risk due to political prudence/Key Commitments.
4. Council Tax Collection Levels	Low risk - closely monitored through P.I.
5. External Interest, Pay, Price Increases	Closely monitored, any shortfalls to be met from Council Contingency Reserve.
6. Externalisation of Leisure Centres	Contract closely monitored, contingency contained within budget.
7. Benefits Service Delivery/Payments and Funding	Closely monitored through P.I.s.
8. Industrial Estates and Other Property	Managed through Asset Management Plan.
9 KTC3/Cinema Provision	Approved Scheme in progress to be closely monitored.
10. Recycling/Waste Collection	Currently achieving targets.
11. Administration Buildings/DDA Work	Capital Programme Provision.
12. Restructuring/Organisational Review	The Council has an earmarked reserve to meet any potential costs.
Quadrant 4 - High Risk, High Impact	Immediate Action
1. E government/E Procurement	Additional costs as a result of cessation of IEG grant have been built into the Base Budget, ie ICT/Salary costs previously met from IEG grant.
2. Government Grant/FSS/Council Tax Revaluation	Whilst the budget projects low increase, continuing low settlements equate to reduced service provision.
3. Pension Costs	Additional pension costs ongoing from actuarial revaluation have been built into the Base Budget.
4. Centralised Office Accommodation	Member Task Groups to monitor progress and costs.
5. New Depot	Member Task Groups to monitor progress and costs.
6. Stourport Civic Hall	Member Task Groups to monitor progress and costs.
7. Worcestershire Hub	Final and ongoing costs closely monitored, subject to outcome of negotiations with Worcestershire County Council.
8. Concessionary Travel	Costs of new scheme will be closely monitored through budget monitoring reports.
9. Capital Receipts - realisation of to fund expenditure	Capital Programme funding does not anticipate any future receipts.
10. Environment and Economic Regeneration	Closely monitored.
11. Shared Services	Subject to detailed Business Case before approval.
12. New Cemetery	Costs to be considered as part of the Council's Financial Strategy process.

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