

Risk Treatment Option Form : No 8

Risk Treatment – Action Plan					
Description of risk from register:	Risk ID No: 149/10	Current residual risk score: Likelihood x Impact	2	5	10
The Council is not accurate enough in its assessment of the Government’s Council Tax/budget requirement capping level resulting in the Council being capped or setting its Council Tax at a figure significantly below the capping level resulting in the need for additional temporary or permanent service reductions.					
Controls already in place as listed on the risk register: When the Council makes its decision on the Council Tax and Budget Requirement Level each February it is provided with all the relevant information that is available including Government comments on capping.					
Are these controls operating effectively? Yes					
Risk Action Plan (All actions listed in priority order)					
Proposed actions to reduce risk using existing resources			New residual risk score ¹		Extra resources required ²
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a. No further mitigation is practical because the Government refuses to announce the capping criteria in advance, as a matter of principle, and their final decision is based on the actions of all the local authorities, police and fire authorities in England. Thus, it is impossible to have any real degree of certainty. If too high an increase is agreed, there are additional rebilling costs and potential damage to the Council’s reputation but the ongoing level of service reductions is minimised. If too low a figure is chosen, more service reductions than are necessary will have to be made.					
b.					
Actions requiring additional resources					
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Decision					
Agreed Option:		Implementation Date		Risk Owner	
				Head of Financial Services	
Decision taken by:			on:		

¹ **New Residual Risk Score:** after the action has been introduced

² **Extra Resources:** only complete if extra resources will be required to allow the proposed action to be introduced e.g. financial costs and staff time