

Appendix 2b: Audit assurance linked to the council's corporate risks

CRR	Corporate Risks as at March 2024	Audit work providing assurance in 2024/25
1	Financial sustainability - The Council's expenditure continues to exceed the available resources	Financial Sustainability audit undertaken in 2023/24 Letting of the Parking & Leisure Contracts Highways Contract Management Southend Treatment and Recovery Contract Management Fleet Management Children's Residential Placements ASC Financial Assessments and Charging Treasury Management Payroll Front Door Redesign Project Management Transformation Programme Staff Pay Follow Up Governance Arrangements for Council Companies Utilisation of Business World Public Sector Housing, Selective Licensing Temporary Accommodation
2	Loss of information assets and / or loss of data systems	Freedom of Information Requests IT Cloud Governance IT Disaster Recovery Follow Up Utilisation of Business World
3	Collapse of the Adult Social Care market	Commissioning Quality Team

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4	Lack of suitable placements for children in care	Children's Residential Placements Early years placement provision Foster Carers audit undertaken in 2023/24
5	Failure of statutory safeguarding duty - adults	Approved Mental Health Practitioner Service Commissioning Quality Team Domestic Abuse Unallocated Case Waiting Carers
6	Failure of statutory safeguarding duty - children	Children's Residential Placements Domestic Abuse SEND Quality Assurance Independent Reviewing Officers Early years placement provision
7	Increasing levels of homelessness	Rough Sleepers Follow Up Allocations Follow Up Temporary Accommodation
8	Lack of preparedness for an emergency event	IT Disaster Recovery Follow Up
9	Failure to achieve the commitment to net zero by 2030	No audits planned but Climate Change is on the risk watch list

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10	Transformation programme fails to deliver required outcomes	Transformation Programme Front Door Redesign Project Management Performance Management
11	Governance Failures	Freedom of Information Requests Complaints LGA Peer Review Performance Management Governance Arrangements for Council Companies IT Cloud Governance Transformation Programme