

# RISK APPRAISAL – RISK BUC

<b>Recommendation:</b>		
1. Council is invited to endorse the proposal to create a reserve to cover the cost of consultancy and planning work associated with future service transfers.		
		Yes
		No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?		
		No
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)		
		N/A
What procurement level is required?		
		N/A
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		
		No
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)		
		Yes
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		
		No
<b>Background</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council currently manages its costs by way of a budget and reporting process, allied to strict internal controls on the issue of purchase orders.</li> <li>2. These are proportionate and reasonable ways of managing costs within the existing budget framework, but do not control areas of risk that are outwith the existing budget, such as the risk of a need to address an external emergency or to take on a new service.</li> <li>3. External emergencies present too many variables for the risks involved to be appropriately managed.</li> <li>4. Risks arising from the closure or transfer of services not currently controlled by the Town Council cannot be assessed without knowledge of the services themselves. However, provision can be made for providing support to staff, and it is recommended that a reserve be created to support consultancy and planning work associated with future service transfers.</li> </ol>		
<b>Rationale for recommendation.</b>		
See above.		