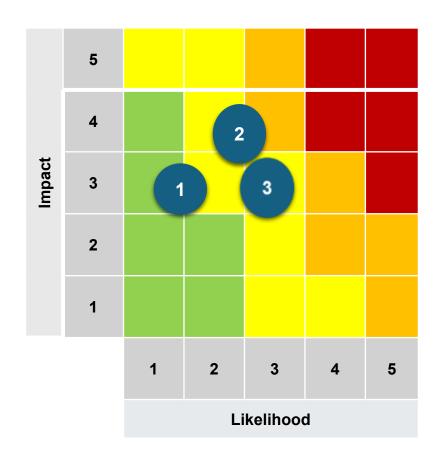
APPENDIX F

Contract Letting



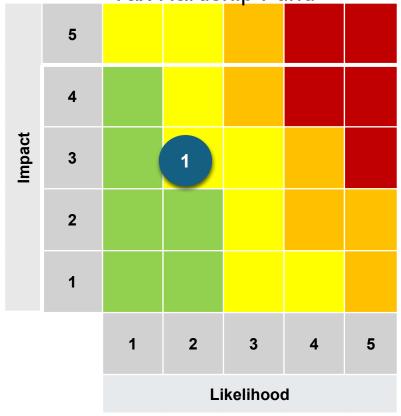
1) To ensure that the Council policies and procedures in place covering the procurement process / contract letting arrangements are up to date and effective.

2) To ensure that the Council maintains comprehensive and up-to date records of all its contracts and monitors the progress of retendering / extending these contracts.

3) To ensure that the letting and agreeing to extend contracts is undertaken/ managed in accordance with the Council's defined policies and procedures, and effectively utilise the Procurement Portal.

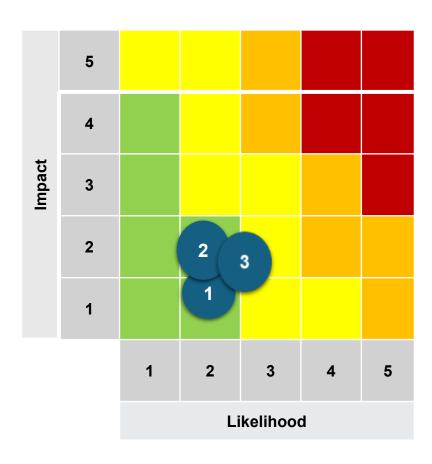
Housing Benefits and Council

Tax Hardship Fund



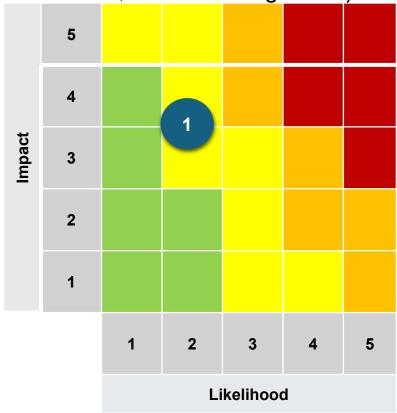
1) To ensure that there is an effective framework in place for the administration of Housing Benefits / Council Tax Reduction Scheme which is in accordance with DWP guidance / legislation.

Bank Reconciliation



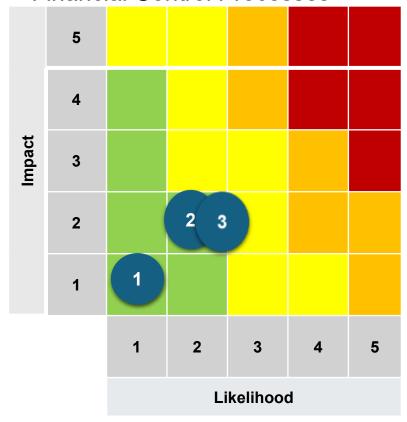
- 1) To ensure that the procedures for the bank reconciliation have been fully documented and are up to date.
- 2) To ensure that the bank reconciliation is performed on a regular predefined basis, is fully resolved and authorised by an independent officer.
- 3) To ensure that the bank reconciliation is accurate, and the figures used in the reconciliation are supported by documentary evidence.

Systems Security (Firewall, Antivirus, Traffic Management)



1) To ensure that there is an effective, risk-based control framework to prevent unauthorised system access or attack, leading to loss of data or services.

Public Protection Partnership – Financial Control Processes



1) To ensure that delegated financial authority and arrangements for budget setting and oversight, are applied and operated in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreements. There is a clear link to WBC budgets.

2) To ensure that financial / budget performance and risks are effectively managed in the context of the service strategies and plans, including IT systems, workforce strategy, resource tasking, and income management.

3) To ensure that financial transactions are approved and recorded appropriately, as per the terms of the agreements; and there is clarity of the interaction with internal WBC financial governance and controls.