

## ANNEX 2 - STRATEGIC RISK RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE (Q3 2020/21)

Ref.	Risk description	Owner	Mitigating actions/update
SR1	<p><b>Brexit</b></p> <p>The UK's withdrawal agreement with the European Union includes a transition period where the pre-Brexit trade arrangements will continue to apply. The transition period ends on 31 December 2020, where, if successfully negotiated, new trade arrangements covering goods and services will be put in place. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the government remains committed to leaving the transition period by 31 December.</p> <p>The government has the option to extend the transition period but will need to make this decision by June at the latest. If the option to extend is not exercised any later request will require a new treaty and ratification by all EU member states within a short timeframe.</p> <p>If the extension is refused, this leaves the government limited time to agree new trading arrangements. If new trade arrangements aren't negotiated then the transition period will elapse without a trade deal being in place, resulting in a no-deal Brexit which will likely have adverse effects on the economy.</p>	Cllr Schofield	<p>As noted in annex 1 of this agenda item, following the agreement of a trade deal between the United Kingdom and the European Union on 24 December 2020, this risk is recommended for closure in Q3 2020/21 reporting.</p> <p>Risks associated with any worsening in the economic outlook will be covered by the strategic risk on 'Economic prosperity'.</p> <p>The Council's supply chains were previously reviewed as part of Brexit preparations and were found to be robust. Any specific supply chain risks will be closely monitored and, if necessary, raised as an operational risk.</p> <p>The ongoing issues at close strait channel crossings are being managed at the Local Resilience Forum level under Operation Tarragon. The Council is fully engaged with our partners at the LRF.</p>