

ANNEX 3 – Q1 2021/22 RED RATED OPERATIONAL RISK

Ref.	Risk description	Owner	Rating	Mitigating actions/update	Direction of travel
OR2	<p>Resources and Waste Strategy</p> <p>The government has recently launched a consultation on its Resources and Waste strategy.</p> <p>The strategy – if adopted in its current form – will result in a significant change in the composition of the materials that the Council collects, which could have adverse budget implications.</p> <p>The strategy also proposes a range of changes to existing services and the introduction of new services which, if adopted, will likely result in further adverse budget implications.</p> <p>Moreover, the ongoing uncertainty of the changes could necessitate delays in investment decisions as well as on service enhancements and future operating models. This could hold the service back as it awaits clarity to ensure that such decisions cohere with any statutory changes.</p>	Cllr Bramhall	RED	<p>The Council responded to the first and second consultations and voiced its concerns over the adverse implications the strategy would have if it was adopted in its consultation form.</p> <p>The strategy's legislative underpinning will be via the Environment Bill which is progressing through Parliament and is currently at the third reading stage in the House of Lords. It is expected to pass into law later in 2021, with the changes coming into effect in 2023/24.</p> <p>There is a concern that the Bill (once enacted) will have a significant financial impact on the Council through, for instance, changing the configuration of waste services, the composition of recycling materials collected and through making services which are currently chargeable free.</p> <p>To reflect this, in Q1 2021/22 reporting this operational risk has been rated as RED.</p>	