# **Risks identified:**

Major Systems Failure (IT systems, power supply, communications, etc.) preventing service delivery.

Risk categories (such as *Reputation, Governance, Finance, Operational*): Operational

### Possible consequences if the risk were to emerge?

- 1. Immediate cessation of almost all office and warehouse functions with possible evacuation and closure of the premises.
- 2. Failures in processing customers' orders, in providing deliveries to customers, in replenishing stocks and in providing procurement services and support.
- 3. Loss of reputation with customers leading to order cancellations and longer-term reduction in turnover.
- 4. Major financial losses from above consequences resulting in a possible annual trading loss.
- 5. Non-compliance with EU procurement regulations with resulting potential legal action.

Raw Risk Assessment:				
Predicted impact of the risk:	Predicted likelihood of the risk: Total risk score:			
(Scale 1–5, see Guide)	(Scale 1–5, see Guide)	(Impact x likelihood,		
		Scale 0-25)		
4	5	20		
Explanation for rating:	Explanation for rating:	Low / Medium / high		
Not likely to threaten the	Most frequent cause of continuity			
consortium existence	failures	HIGH		

# **Control Measures:**

## Actions to reduce the likelihood and severity of the risk to an acceptable level?

- 1. A range of approved IT policies that encourage and support the correct use of systems by users and signed acceptance of such policies.
- 2. Disaster recovery contract with ICM Business Continuity Services Limited providing for fast hardware replacement of all priority servers, for recovery of IT systems/data and for alternative office accommodation facilities together with annual testing of recovery procedures.
- 3. Back up external communication link and external power supply
- 4. A contract with Iron Mountain for the daily collection and off-site secure data storage of back-up records.
- 5. Use of UPS protection for the power supply to essential IT equipment/servers with additional automatic back up of IT equipment power supply using a generator (regularly tested).
- 6. Fire suppressant gas supply to server room.
- 7. Redundant air cooling capacity to server room
- 8. Maintenance and support agreements for all essential equipment and major IT systems
- 9. Full and recoverable records of all IT systems, software, equipment and support/maintenance.
- 10. Firewall protection for all external facing systems with regular security testing and software updating.
- 11. RAID or similar redundant protection for servers' disks.
- 12. Regular reviews, maintenance and cleaning of server room facilities.
- 13. Use of professional risk advice to review and update IT Business Continuity Plan.
- 14. Escrow agreements in place for Infor and Indigo commercial software.

Risk indicators to be used to monitor the risk? (These provide early warning, minimum of 3)

- 1. Satisfactory annual disaster recovery test results with ICM.
- 2. Generator testing log
- 3. IT Section records of frequency & consequences of systems & equipment failures.

Residual Risk Assessment following Control Measures:				
Predicted Impact of the risk: (Scale 1–5, see Guide)	Predicted likelihood of the risk: (Scale 1–5, see Guide)	Total risk score: (Impact x likelihood, Scale 0-25)		
2	3	6		
		Low / Medium / high		
		Low		

#### Further action required to reduce risk:

- 1. Re-consider and review the mutual support agreement with similar local authority consortia in the event of a major disaster.
- 2. Keep under review vulnerability of ESPO web sites to external service provider failures.
- 3. Keep under review maintenance agreements and reserve machine(s) to ensure priority servers are least vulnerable.
- 4. Keep under review disaster priorities and possible off-site cover for the telephone system/server.
- 5. Keep under review UPS and generator protection for additional PCs and printers to maintain minimal operations.

### **Recommendation to Director/Committee:**

No further action

Date: 28/01/2014

### Score Summary:

Raw Risk Score	Risk Tolerance	Residual Risk Score	Effect of Internal Controls
20/25	10/25	6/25	14/25