RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Identify

Top down

Board considers future scenarios and identifies principal and emerging risks

Bottom up

Risks identified through workshop debates

Asses

Detailed assessment by the Executive Committee

Emerging risks are kept under review and reassessed annually

Monitor

Risk owner assigned and Executive Committee and Risk Committee conduct monitoring exercises

Respond

Introduce controls and procedures to reduce risk exposure and understand how risks relate and impact upon each other

How do we identify risks?

- Top-down approach to identify the principal risks that could threaten the delivery of our strategy: at the Board's strategy review on 21 June 2019, scenarios for the future were considered which assisted with the identification of principal or emerging risks and how they could impact on our strategy. The continuous review of strategy and our environment ensures that we do not become complacent and that we respond in a timely manner to any changes.
- Bottom-up approach at a departmental and functional level: risks are identified through workshop debates between the Executive Committee and members of senior management, analytical techniques, independent reviews and use of historical data and lessons learnt. Risk registers are maintained at a departmental/functional level to ensure detailed monitoring of risks. Risks contained on the departmental registers are fed into the main Group risk register depending on the individual risk probability and potential impact.

How do we assess risk?

Following the identification of a potential risk, the Executive Committee undertakes a detailed assessment process to:

- gain sufficient understanding of the risk to allow an effective and efficient mitigation strategy to be determined;
- allow the root cause of the risk to be identified;
- estimate the probability of the risk occurring and the potential quantitative and qualitative impacts; and
- understand the Group's current exposure to the risk and the 'target risk profile' (in accordance with the Board's risk appetite) which will be achieved following the completion of mitigation plans.

Where necessary, external assistance is sought to assess potential risks and advise on mitigation strategies. Emerging risks are kept under review via the 'on watch' register and reassessed during the annual strategy reviews.

How do we monitor risks?

Once a risk has been identified and assessed, a risk owner is assigned who is considered to be in the best position to influence and monitor the outcome of the risk. As part of our risk management procedures, the Executive Committee and Risk Committee routinely conduct monitoring exercises to ensure that risk management activities are being consistently applied across the Group, that they remain sufficiently robust and to identify any weaknesses or enhancements which could be made to the procedures.

Monitoring activities include:

- the regular review and updating of the Schedule of Principal Risks, the Group's risk register and 'on watch' register;
- independent third-party reviews of the risk management process to provide further assurance of its effectiveness;
- alerting the Board to new emerging risks and changes to existing risks;
- monitoring how the risk profile is changing for the Group; and
- providing assurance that risks are being managed effectively and where any assurance gaps exist, identifiable action plans are being implemented.

How do we respond to risk?

We implement controls and procedures in response to identified risks with the aim of reducing our risk exposure, so that it is aligned or below our risk appetite. The successful management of risk cannot be done in isolation without understanding how risks relate and impact upon each other. At Derwent London, we consider the interconnectivity between risks which allows us to prioritise areas that require increased oversight and remedial action. The mitigation plans in place for our principal risks are described in greater detail on pages 50 to 57.