



November 2020 Exec Board

The following Strategic Risks are recommended to be discussion points :



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As a result of the Govt's support to people economically affected by Covid, there is likely to be a reduction in council tax receipt.

The impact of this combined with the potential for reduced grant funding could result in a significant shortfall.

Risk N , below, to be considered as an Exec Board level strategic risk.



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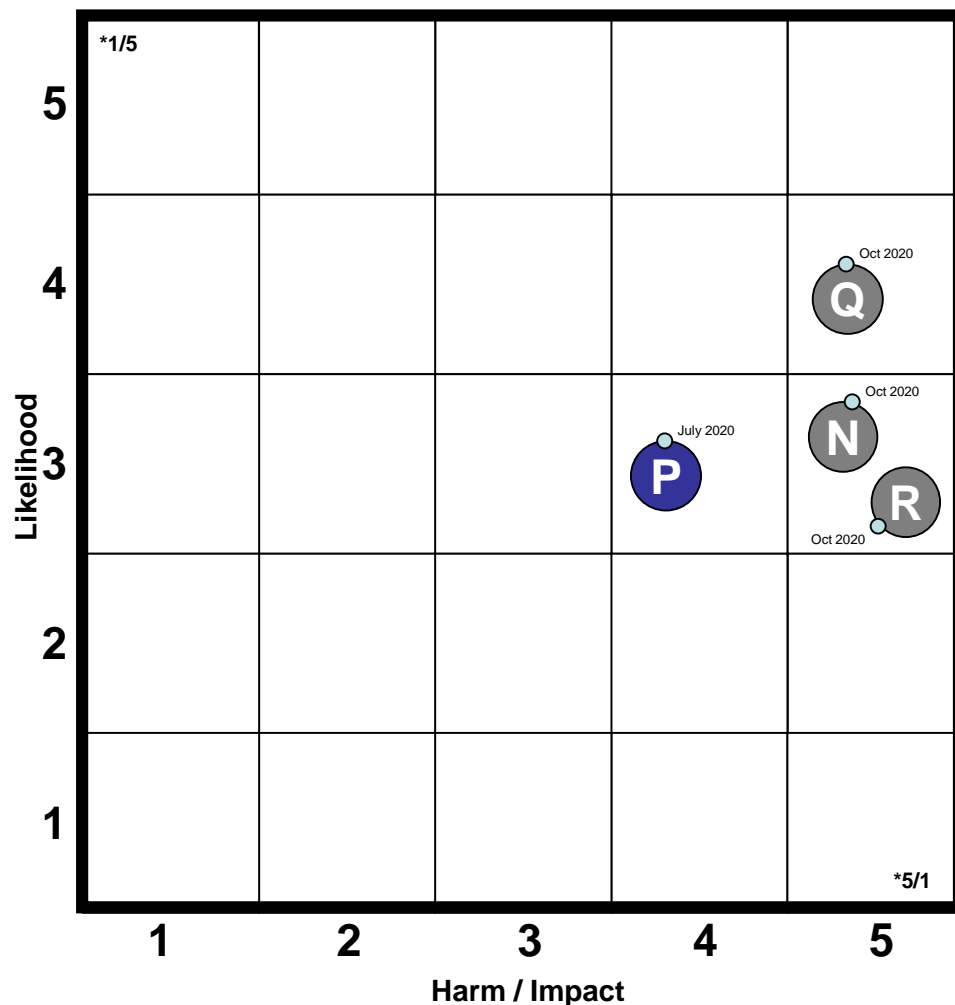
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The uncertainty of the effect on demand from a sharp recession.
(7.4)

All experts and measures point to a sharp recession of unknown scale and timing. West Mercia's Chief Officers need to be sufficiently reassured, using evidence based decision making, that it has an acceptable level of preparedness.

